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## NSL BACK TO ONE DIVISION — p.4

### Graham Honeyman player of the year



Graham Honeyman

"Terrific, just terrific!" — that's how West Adelaide Hellas star Graham Honeyman reacted when told that he'd won our Boral Bricks \$1,500 NSL Player of the Year award — the first South Australian-based player to do so.

But Honeyman dropped a bombshell when he announced he may not play in the National League next year.

"Everything's up in the air at the moment. There are the Socceroos to consider and I want to see what's happening at West Adelaide next year. You get a wee bit sick of struggling year in, year out," said Honeyman. Honeyman revealed that West Adelaide Hellas coach Neil McGachey is going to the UK in August and hopes to sign two top players there. And Westad also hopes to lure two players from interstate.

"I keep fit and I could keep playing in the National League but I'll consider staying only

if we get the players we're after," said the 32-year old.

If Honeyman quits the NSL, he'll keep playing at a lower standard and he's definitely got no thoughts about coaching.

Honeyman is married and has two sons, aged eight and four. The elder, Ben, has made an impressive start to his soccer career. He first played when he was six and a half, for South Road Primary School, scoring 70 goals in that season! Ben Honeyman now plays at under 10 level and according to his dad, he's got a "great left foot."

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— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Captains Zlatko Krmpotic (left) of Red Star and John Kosmina of Australia were best of mates before the international series. It's the look of Oscar Crino (inset) that gives us a better idea of the competitive spirit. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

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### Maradona faces Australia

PEKING — Some of the world's best teenage soccer players, including the 16-year-old brother of Argentine superstar Diego Maradona, arrived here at the weekend for the first FIFA Under-16 world championship.

"I feel very responsible. This will be a great experience," Hugo Maradona said on his team's arrival at Peking airport.

Asked if he felt under pressure to live up to his famous brother's reputation, Maradona said "Diego Maradona is one person. I am another person."

The Argentine team, which will play against Australia today (Wednesday), arrived on the same plane from Paris with squads from the United States, West Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Costa Rica.

The other competing teams are Bolivia, Brazil, China, Zaire, Guinea, Hungary, Mexico, Nigeria and Qatar.

The groupings for the preliminary rounds are as follows:  
Peking (Group A): China, Bolivia, Guinea, United States.  
Tianjin (Group B): Argentina, Australia, Zaire, West Germany.  
Dalian (Group C): Costa Rica, Italy, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia.  
Shanghai (Group D): Brazil, Hungary, Mexico, Qatar.

See page 14 for an introduction to the young Australians.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Socceroo coach Frank Arok is treating the international series as a World Cup rehearsal.

"We will be playing AEK Athens and Red Star twice each. So it is in the World cup," he said.

"We therefore will play cautiously in our first match against each team because we will not know as much about them as we should."

"It won't be until the return games that we will cut loose and perform our antics."

The international series kicks off tonight (Wednesday) at Olympic Park, when Australia clashes with Red Star.

Arok has studied video tapes of Red Star but is unacquainted with AEK Athens, and fears that Polish coach Jacek Gmoch may have inspired a new type of Greek football.

He is particularly worried about the danger posed by Hungarian international Marton Esterhazy — widely regarded as the finest player in Greece at the moment — and Swedish striker Hakan Sandberg.

Marshall Soper, who earlier had pulled out of the squad, has decided to play after all. He finally has put behind him the disappointment felt over the way he was treated by the NSL in the aftermath of the Pratten Park riot.

Tommy McCulloch (APIA), Ian Gray (Marconi) and Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) have been added to increase the Socceroo squad to 20.

The others are: T. Groedy, D. Ratcliffe (St. Geo); J. Oliver, C. Yankos (H'berg); S. O'Connor, J. Watson, J. Kosmina (Syd. Hakoah); G. Jennings (Syd. Olympic); Z. Odzakovic, J. Patikas (Syd. Croatia); O. Crino, K. Murphy (SM-Hellas); G. Honeyman (WA-Hellas); R. Dunn (Makedonia); R. Brown (Marconi) and M. Petersen (BU-Juventus).

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

CHAMPION OF GREECE: 8 times — 1932, 39, 40, 63, 68, 71, 78, 79.  
Cup holder of Greece: 8 times — 1932, 39, 49, 50, 56, 66, 78, 83.  
Double: 3 times — 1932, 39, 78.  
Finalist of the Cup of Greece: 3 times — 1948, 53, 79.  
UEFA Cup, semi-finalist 1976-77.

**NIKOS CHRISTIDIS**, assistant coach. Born in 1944 in Thessaloniki. He played 24 times for Greece as goalkeeper. AEK obtained him from Aris in 1977. He started his career in 1963 and played more than 300 National League Division 'A' games. He has been a coach since 1983 and assistant coach of AEK since 1983.

**CHRISTOS ARVANITIS**, 32, goalkeeper, joined AEK in 1982. Former teams: Eth-

nikos, Olympiakos, one cap.  
**THEOLOGOS PAPA-DOPOULOS**, 25, goalkeeper, joined AEK in 1984. Former team: Larissa.

**SPYROS ECONOMOPOULOS**, 26, from the junior club of AEK, one cap. Born in Sydney.

**LYSSANDROS GEORGAMILIS**, 23, defender, from AEK's juniors, 10 games for Greek youth team.

**PANAGIOTIS STYLIANOPOULOS**, 27, defender, from AEK's juniors.

**SIMEON CHATZIS**, 28, defender, joined from Apollon last year.

**PAUL PAPAIOANNOU**, 26, defender, joined from Rhodes, 1983.

**DIMITRIS KARAGIOZPOULOS**, 24, defender, joined in 1981 for Veria, 10 games for national youth team.

**STYLIANOS MANOLAS**, 24, defender from AEK juniors, 10 senior caps, 12 youth caps.

**CONSTANTINOS BALIS**, 28, midfielder, six games for Greece.

**CHARALAMBOS AKRIVOPoulos**, 23, midfielder, joined AEK from Veria in 1983, 10 games for national youth team.

**NICOLAOS PIAS**, 25, midfielder, joined last year from Rhodes.



● AEK Athens, photographed before leaving Greece, from left, back row: Charalambos Akriopoulos, Simeon Chatzis, Theologos Papadopoulos, Lyssandros Georgamilis, Paul Papaioannou, Nicolaos Pias. Middle row: Nikos Christidis (assistant coach), Hakan Sandberg, Constantinos Balis, Andreas Voitsidis, Marton Esterhazy, Stylianos Manolas. Front: Thomas Mavros, Yannis Dintsikos, Dimitris Karagiouzopoulos, Christos Arvanitis, Stavros Letsas, Panagiotis Styliopoulos.

**YIANNIS DINTSIKOS**, 25, forward, joined 1981 from Kastoria, capped 4 times and five games for national youth team.

**HOKAN SANDBERG**, 27, forward, formerly with Gothenburg of Sweden, represented Sweden 12 times.

**MARTON ESTERHAZY**, 29, midfielder or forward, joined AEK in 1984. Former teams: Honved, Ferencva-

ros, Vasas in Hungary. Represented Hungary 15 times.

**THOMAS MAVROS**, 31, striker, joined AEK in 1975 from Panionios, has played 36 times for Greece. Participated in 1980 European National Cup in Italy, and in 1981 played in both a European and World eleven. Top scorer in Greece, with 27, and 4th highest scorer in Europe last season was

second highest in Europe with 31 in 1979.

**POLYVIOS CHADZOPOULOS**, 24, defender, joined AEK this year from Panionios, twice capped for Greece.

**ANDREAS VOITSIDIS**, 25, forward, joined from Kastoria last year.

**ILIAS ARMADOROS**, full back.  
**GEORGE CHATZOPOULOS**, Sweeper

# ALL THE MATCHES

Programme for the international series.

Wednesday, July 31: Australia v Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park No. 1, 7.30 pm.

Friday, August 2: Australian youth team v NSW at St George Stadium, 6pm; Australia v Red Star at St George Stadium, 8 pm.

Sunday, August 4: Australian youth team v Victoria at Olympic Park No. 1, 1 pm; Red Star Belgrade v AEK Athens at Olympic Park No. 1, 3pm.

Tuesday, August 6: Northern NSW v Red Star Belgrade at Warners Bay, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday, August 7: Australia v AEK Athens at Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 pm.

Friday, August 9: AEK Athens v Red Star Belgrade at St George Stadium, 8 pm.

Sunday, August 11: AEK Athens v Australia at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm, South Australia v Red Star Belgrade at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm.

## Mavros chases Papaioannou

● Thomas Mavros is third on the list of Greece's all-time top scorers.

He has a total of 204 goals. On top of the list is Mimitis Papaioannou (ex-AEK) with 233, followed by George Sideris (Olympic) with 224.

## Gmoch: world is his stage

Recently appointed AEK Athens coach Jacek Gmoch ranks alongside Europe's top coaches.

Gmoch has a distinguished playing career winning 32 Polish international caps and making over 500 appearances for Legia Warsaw, where his coaching career started.

From 1970 to 1975 he was assistant coach of the Polish national side, before gaining promotion to take charge of national team affairs between 1976 and the completion of the 1978 World Cup finals.

Next, Gmoch spent a couple of seasons in Norway with Skjold Oslo and then moved to Greece.

He brought minor success to PAS Ioannina and Larissa which earned him one of Greece's most prestigious appointments — that of Panathinaikos coach in 1983.

During his two seasons at the Apostolos Nikolaidis Stadium, Gmoch led Panathinaikos to both league and cup triumphs, plus the European Champions' Cup semi-final.

Now he seeks similar triumphs with AEK. Gmoch's travels have enabled him to learn five languages, including English and Serbo-Croat.

— PAUL MOON

## More attackers needed: Gojevic

By Claudio Gonzalez

Steve Gojevic, omitted from the Soccerroo squad, has called for coach Frank Arok to select more attacking players.

"The team is in need of more attacking players who have a nose for goal," says Gojevic.

He praises the outstanding success of the Soccerroos but believes it will be much more difficult in the World Cup.

Teams like New Zealand and Israel may surprise the Soccerroos unless coach Frank Arok changes the pattern of selection, Gojevic said.

But Gojevic, still confident, believes the Soccerroos should come out victors in tonight's (Wednesday's) match against Red Star Belgrade at Olympic Park.

Gojevic is disappointed at having been left out of the national squad.

"I have not had a chance to really show myself in a match," he said. "Selection to the squad was great, but how about a go on the park?"



Steve Gojevic

Gojevic describes his form this year as being good apart from a foot complaint and being overweight at the start of the season.

But he has learned to live with setbacks, and they have helped mature him as a player.

"Our chances in the coming World Cup are reasonable," he says.

"Success should swing our way in many of the matches, but there's always the chance that Kosmina may fail to score. Who would Australia then rely upon? No other Soccerroo is renowned for his scoring ability in international matches. We need at least one more attacking forward who can score."

— David Mitchell or Eddie Krncevic may solve the problem in the World Cup.

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## Scores, scorers

AEK's results in the 1984/85 season:

1984					1985				
Egaleo 0-0	Iraklis 2-1	Ardizoglou, Dintsikos.	Panathinaikos 1-1	Mavros.	Doxa 0-0	Apollon Th. 1-0	Dintsikos		
Pierikos 2-2	Dintsikos, Sandberg, Mavros.								
PAOK 2-2	Mavros, Tsoureas.								
OFI 2-1	Mavros.								
Panionios 1-1	Sandberg.								
Panathinaikos 2-3	Sandberg.								
Apollon Athens 3-0	Mavros								
Aris 0-0									
Ethnikos 4-1	Mavros, Pias, Sandberg.								
Esterhazy.									
Olympiakos 1-0	Mavros.								

1984					1985				
Larissa 1-4	Esterhazy								
Egaleo 5-2	Mavros								
Iraklis 0-1									
Panathinaikos 5-2	Sandberg, Mavros, Vlachos								
Pierikos 2-0	Mavros								
PAOK 1-1	Esterhazy								
OFI 2-1	Pias, Mavros								
Panionios 0-0									
Panathinaikos 1-1	Pias								
Apollon A 2-1	Pias, Mavros								
Aris 3-1	Mavros								
Ethnikos 3-1	Sandberg, Esterhazy								
Olympiakos 1-1	Sandberg								
Doxa 2-0	Mavros, Dintsikos								
Apollon Th. 1-1	Karagiouzopoulos								
Larissa 3-1	Mavros, Sandberg								

### GAME PARTICIPATION TABLE

	Total	Victories	Draws	Ties	Goals (+)	Goals (-)
National	41	23	5	13	80	35
International	7	3	2	2	11	11
Totals	48	26	7	15	91	46

## Olympic Park



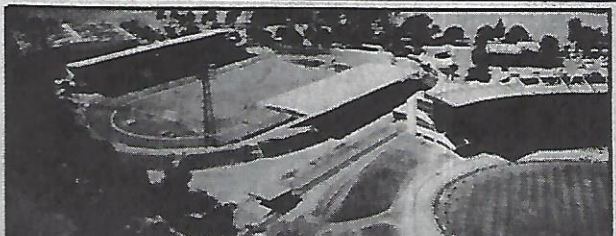
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# They starred in the Olympics

By PAUL MOON

Having recently won an 11th Yugoslav Cup and with 15 league championships to its credit Red Star Belgrade is indisputably Yugoslavia's premier club.

Red Star also has contributed immensely to European competitions and it is one of soccer's great injustices that none of the continent's three major club trophies has yet graced Red Star's trophy cabinet.

A 2-1 loss to Borussia Mönchengladbach in the 1978 UEFA Cup final is the nearest Red Star has, to date, come to lifting one of Europe's most famous pieces of silverware.

Twice Red Star contested European Champions' Cup semi-finals, losing to the defensively immaculate Fiorentina in 1957 and to Panathinaikos (despite winning the first leg 4-1) 14 years later.

Perenovic beat the Yugoslavs 4-3 to reach the 1975 European Cup Winners' Cup final.

From the club's foundation by students of Belgrade University in 1945, Red Star personnel have been prominent in almost all Yugoslav national teams.

They supplied three players to the Olympic Games runners-up of 1952 — Rajko Mitic, Branislav Stankovic and Ilija Ognjanovic.

Mitic scored 548 goals for Red Star in nearly 600 games and did not receive a single booking during a 12-year career. Stankovic won 61 caps at left back and Ognjanovic 29 as outside right.

A fourth silver medalist joined Red Star from Hajduk Split soon after the Helsinki Games. Vladimir Beara, a former ballet dancer, became one of Europe's finest goalkeepers and represented FIFA against England in 1953.

The 1956 Melbourne Olympics saw Yugoslavia beaten in the soccer final for the third consecutive time. The Red Star contingent included Dragoslav Sekularac and Ljiljana Spajic.

## Three new players

The Red Star squad includes three newly-signed players: Husef Musemic who, while with Sarajevo, was second-highest scorer in the Yugoslav league with 22 goals; Miralem Zjajo from Ickra and former OFK Belgrade player Milan Ivanovic.

The squad also include: Zivan Lukovic, Zoran Dimitrijevic, Milan Jovic, Milan Jankovic, Milan Ivanovic, Drago Miletovic, Slavko Radovanovic, Zarko Djurovic, Miodrag Krivokapic, Husef Musemic, Miralem Zjajo.

## Sharne pushes for Tredinnick

By CLAUDIO GONZALEZ

Peter Sharne, the Marconi star, made the first of his 39 Soccerex appearances in the 1977 "World of Soccer" series involving Red Star, Arsenal, Celtic and Australia.

Celtic won the tournament, beating Red Star in the final.

The Soccerex lost 2-3 to Red Star in that series, yet Sharne believes the 1977 Australian team had more talent than the 1985 outfit which, however, is tougher and more solid.

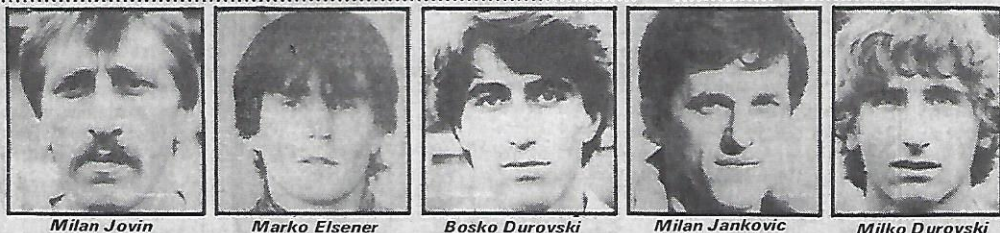
Marconi's Peter Tredinnick should have been included, he believes.

He would add skill and running power to the midfield.



Peter Sharne

Asked to pinpoint the key players in the national team, Sharne picked striker John Kosmina, midfielder Oscar Crino and goalkeeper Terry Greedy.



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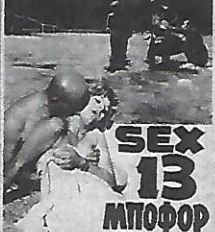


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# No hope of SA amalgamation

By ALLAN CRISP

South Australia's National League clubs Adelaide City Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas would welcome a return to a 16-team single division concept.

But, their realistic presidents, Charlie Caruso (City) and Frank Karagiannis (West) question whether their clubs and the NSL can afford such a luxury.

The alternative is for Adelaide to be represented by just one team — an idea favoured by West Adelaide coach Neil McGachey.

A Hellas and Juventus amalgamation would produce a team of power in any league, but such an alliance is as unlikely as a Soviet diplomat being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

And should SA be restricted to one team, it would ruin the continuity of competition that is the very lifeblood of a national series.

Adelaide was hailed as the capital city of soccer when the fledgling National League stretched its wings in 1977.

The competition was more national than the current series which houses a Southern Division top heavy with Victorian teams and a Northern Division made up entirely of NSW sides.

The NSL, circa 1977, had great novelty value with eagerly awaited visits from clubs from Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne.

While Sydney Hakoah draws only family and friends in its own backyard, it was always a top crowd-puller in Adelaide.

And SA surely would respond again should Sydney Hakoah, APIA-Leichhardt and Marconi become part of the Adelaide scene.

All self-respecting SA fans remember with pride that Hindmarsh Stadium was bulging at the seams when West and City played the title-deciding final league match of the 1978 season.

With only 16 clubs in the competition, SA had to be strong to compete.

And strong they were, with Hellas boasting players like John Kosmina, Vic Bozanic, Martyn Crook and Neil McGachey, while Juventus thrust John Perin, Frank Lister, Bugzy Nyskohus, Gary Marocchi, Jonny Nyskohus and Roger Romanowicz onto the national arena.

City and West shone also when it came to luring guest stars, with Dixie Deans parading his goalscoring magic for the former and Graeme Souness doing his midfield best for the latter.

When the NSL introduced restrictions on imports, it did so with the most honorable of intentions.

But if the NSL is to excite the same interest as it did eight years ago, it must temper its import policy.

With SBS Television now spreading the soccer gospel on a wider scale, Adelaide and Brisbane supporters can see the quality of Sydney soccer they are being denied in the current format.

If the NSL reverts to a smaller, single division format, SA knows it will be featured regularly on SBS tele-

vision — a fact that will impress stadium sponsors.

West and City are already planning to strengthen their teams for season 1996.

Both acknowledge their shortcomings this year and are preparing to become serious title challengers next year.

# NSL MUST REVERT TO ONE DIVISION

Is it too late to think about reverting for the NSL's original one-division format next year?

Is it absurd to suggest that the alarming fall in attendances, particularly in Melbourne, demands that the NSL be revised once again?

Last week in this column I spoke about the need to improve playing standards and how any other measure is merely cosmetic. A mere case of, let me repeat, re-arranging the deck-chairs.

But if we are to re-arrange the deck-chairs, as I think inevitably we will unless crowd figures begin to rise dramatically, let's re-arrange them properly.

The crowd figures prove indisputably that something is wrong and if under previous formats the NSL was attracting more fans it follows that something may be wrong with the present one.

From a recent report screened on SBS-TV, where a number of prominent Victorians were surveyed on the issue of falling attendances, it became obvious that Melbourne misses the novelty of matches against Sydney teams.

Last year when Sydney Hakoah came to South Melbourne Hellas with only its squad and baggage, there were twice as many fans at Middle Park as the combined following of Hellas and Melbourne.

Croatia could muster at a recent local derby.

The novelty of visits by Sydney teams for centres like Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Newcastle and Canberra always had been a prime attraction of having a national league — a structural must.

# How to lose \$1.3 million

I'm sure no self respecting zealot would want a sceptic like me to miss such a sitting duck target.

I am talking of former APIA manager Frank Sbis's NSL blueprint published in this newspaper two weeks ago.

My first reaction, on reading it, was that good old Frank was pulling my leg.

But then came a moment of anguish. What, oh my God, what if he really meant it, and if he took the usual silent reaction as a sign of tacit agreement?

Frank set out 14 points, all in terse, staccato sentences. Like most Italian prophets throughout the ages, he didn't go into details.

Let me make it simple. I agree with his first point — and not with the other 13. There should be a true National League, involving all States.

That's where we part company.

Frank Sbis's enchantingly simplistic credo is built on faith, hope and naivety.

Let me start at the end. He reckons that his National League would produce gate takings of 10,000 fans an average. Over 40 weeks this would bring in \$2 million.



• Dixie Deans (top) and Graeme Souness — reminders of SA enterprise

# City, Lions don't trust Victorians

By RICKY ROSSO

Ever since former South Melbourne Hellas president Leo Anezakis announced the two Brisbane clubs should be axed from the NSL, Brisbane City and Lions officials have not trusted their Victorian counterparts.

Once again the two Queensland clubs are wary that they are rating little consideration in any NSL re-structuring moves. In fact they see a recent meeting of Melbourne NSL club presidents — and the resulting vote to support Brisbane's move into the north division — as having ulterior motives.

"The Melbourne clubs would not be backing out of the Sydney teams unless there was something in it for them," one club official said.

Both City and Lions were foundation members of the National League and in that regard they have several strong allies — Brisbane City in particular, through their Italian background.

Both clubs support the idea of a reduction of the National League and, indeed, a return to the one-division format. But they would not support any proposal if it meant a reduction of Queensland representation in the national competition.

And their latest fears are that when the numbers come up in any new re-structuring, the two Queensland clubs will be left to fight between themselves for one place.

Officials from both clubs refused to playing the voting game with other members of the NSL and now are bitter at the way they have been treated as outcasts in recent years.

"All along we have stated we supported a 16-team competition. But the Melbourne clubs wanted more representation, they got it and now they are still not happy," Lions secretary Lawrie Oudendyk said.

"When will these clubs make up their minds?" Oudendyk has always been one of the thinkers in the NSL arena and has put forward several suggestions to accommodate everyone's wishes. His proposals have included a 14-team Northern Division and a three-round 10-team Southern Division competition.

But as he points out, the proposal was designed only as the best way to get the Brisbane clubs into the Northern arena, where they are suited geographically.

In the ultimate situation, Lions support the proposal of a 14 or 16-team league with one side automatically being relegated. The club then proposed a Claxton Shield (baseball) type of series between the one NSL promotion place.

Brisbane City officials also back the idea of a one league competition and like Lions are bitter over the way they have been treated in recent years.

"We were foundation members and have spent an enormous amount of money developing our ground into one of the best soccer stadiums in the country," secretary Mrs Sue Contis said.

"But what annoys us most is that the clubs that have only recently come into the league have the most to say. You only have to look at what they have contributed and what they have got to decide whether or not they should be in the competition."

Although there are often heated arguments between the two Queensland NSL clubs and the Queensland Soccer Federation, and QSF president Ian Brusasco would dearly love to have both clubs' first teams back in his Premier League — there is a strange alliance at national level.

As the ASF must ultimately approve any NSL set-up, Brusasco — the ASF senior vice-president — has always been the right thing by his clubs.

If there is a National League and if Queensland is involved, the QSF will use its vote to ensure the best deal possible for Brisbane City and Lions.

The two clubs are banking on that support if the momentum to oust them from the league gains support.

But at this stage the club's attitude is only one of watching and being wary.



LES MURRAY

without which the NSL would not have been the success it first was.

The 10,000-plus crowds in Adelaide, the 5,000-plus in Brisbane and Canberra, the crowd-swells in Melbourne and the huge attendances in Newcastle were evidence of that.

The gradual fall in attendances at those centres after the first two seasons proved simply that the novelty was wearing off — the Sydney teams were either unremarkable as entertainment or their constant wins over the

State leagues — and frankly the crowd figures this year do nothing to strengthen the lobby pushing for the so-called State Super Leagues.

The strong and most obvious reason for splitting the league into regions — a move of which I was never a fan even before 1984 — was money. Airfares, said the sceptics, were strangling the clubs financially.

Yes, but which clubs? And how many of them?

There are, to be sure, many clubs whose basic following and sponsorship are so small that jet jaunts back and forth across the country seem irresponsible luxuries.

But not all of them. There are in fact enough clubs whose financial base is, or ought to be, strong enough to afford air fares and from whom a small but bona fide national league could be composed.

What indeed does the airfare argument do for the inclusion of Brisbane and Adelaide clubs in the Southern Division?

Those clubs, if one looks at their following, must be among the poorest. Yet they are asked to jet-joint in a league that was revised because jet-joints are too costly.

The truth is, of course, that the league was revised to ensure the survival of the poorer clubs — the survival of the least fit which, if one wants to be crudely Darwinian about it, goes against all rules of evolution in a country where soccer needs to evolve.

Those poor clubs are being subsidised — propped up if you will — by the following brought by the bigger clubs and by the willingness of those bigger clubs to jet their way across the country because the rules say they must.

I'm not at all arguing for the exclusion of Brisbane and Adelaide from future national leagues. I am saying though that the novelty of Sydney teams and clashes against newcomers from around the country should be returned to them.

Indeed I am against the legislative exclusion or inclusion of anybody.

I am saying nature should be allowed to take its course. It is ironic, for instance, that Wolfgang is currently grumbling about the prospects of relegation.

I didn't hear them grumble last year when they finished stone-motherless last yet "development status" saved them.

The relegation issue is very much at the centre of this argument — for relegation, too, must be decided by playing merit and nothing else.

It is economically, not to say morally, absurd that a team can be relegated even if it doesn't finish last!

Financial well-being much more often than not will result in strong teams and strong teams never finish last.



Andrew Dettre

Not even Holland, Belgium, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and many others produce such a high average.

To base any future League on such insanely high figures should be enough to discard the entire scheme at once.

If he had said an average paying gate of 2,000 or perhaps 3,000, I'd say let's try it — but we probably won't achieve it.

But 10,000...

There are numerous other delicacies in Frank's blueprint.

Let me deal with the most grotesque ones only.

He advocates full professionalism for 15 players, a coach and manager, all at \$500.

Frank Sbis may be surprised to learn that seven players at a Sydney club earn \$800 now plus bonuses.

There must be dozens of others whose combined earning from work and soccer well exceeds \$500. And there are several coaches and managers who wouldn't even negotiate under \$1,000.

So if he wants to persuade players to give up their jobs, trades, professions and businesses, he'll have to double the budget.

This, for the 14 teams (2 per State) would come to about \$1,700,000.

The gate takings estimate we have already reduced from \$2 million to about \$600,000. Now the hoped-for plus of \$1,160,000 between these two items has become a minus of \$1,300,000.

As if he had never talked to a single junior official in all his years in Australia, Frank Sbis advocates that on Sundays... all junior matches might stop at noon.

With our chronic ground shortages and mushrooming of junior teams, this will never be possible.

But even if it were, juniors (and their beloved parents) don't go to watch NSL.

Even when they happen to be at the ground for some of their own reason (early game, presentation etc.) they pack-up and evacuate as fast as they can when their role is over.

Much of the rest of his blueprint is based on a revival of the old Christian spirit which died in the catacombs.

Frank wants all States to create two new teams by pooling the talents, excess players to be redistributed in other States to achieve a balance of quality and each State Federation to serve the NSL as a nursery.

Such altruistic, unselfish motives would suit a Mother Teresa in the slums of Bombay but not a battle-hardened former FIFA referee and club manager.

Neither the States nor the clubs would ever give up their status, strength and players.

As for force, even in the USSR no such move has been possible since 1953 when Joe Stalin died.

I'm afraid people who are hoping to reform the NSL will have to come up with something a lot more sensible and solid than this scheme.

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## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH MELB HELLAS	13	5	3	36	21	31
B'WICK JUVENTUS	11	6	4	33	19	28
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	10	6	5	29	17	26
MELB CROATIA	9	6	6	27	18	24
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	9	5	7	29	23	23
Sun-George Cross	7	7	7	22	22	21
Brisbane Lions	7	4	9	23	27	18
Green Gully	6	5	10	23	28	17
Adel C Juventus	6	5	10	29	35	17
West Adel Hellas	6	5	10	24	34	17
Brisbane City	6	4	10	25	39	16
Footscray JUST	5	2	14	25	38	12

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYD CITY HAKOAH	14	5	2	38	17	33
SYDNEY CRONIA	13	5	3	47	22	31
MARCONI	12	6	3	46	21	30
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	12	2	7	27	23	26
C'BERRA OLYMPIANS	8	6	7	31	31	22
St Geo Budapest	7	7	7	30	25	21
Inter Monaro	7	5	9	28	36	19
Blacktown	7	4	10	30	31	18
APIA-Leichhardt	6	2	13	20	35	14
Wollongong	4	6	11	26	46	14
Penrith	3	5	12	20	34	12
Newcastle-Rosebud	4	4	13	19	41	12

## JUST's fate in the balance



Peter Desira

Green Gully 2  
Footscray JUST 1

Scorers: 1-0 Lewis 5th, 2-0 Lewis 27th, 2-1 Kodzo 74th.

Venue: Green Gully Reserve

Referee: Jim Rossis 7

Cautions: Lewis (GG)

The gale force wind that swept Green Gully Reserve on Sunday blew out the last flicker of hope Footscray JUST had of hauling itself off the bottom of the Southern Division table.

Man of  
the match:  
TOMMY CUMMING  
(Green Gully)

But while the mathematical possibilities now have been ruled out, the real fun and games of promotion and relegation now switch to the boardrooms of Croydon City and Morwell Falcons and the offices at Soccer House and the NSL in Sydney.

Will Croydon reject the option of promotion as everyone is predicting?

And can Morwell get its house in order by luring Don Di Fabrizio back as president to make the once proud Falcons the first Victorian country club to join the NSL?

And even if either of the State League clubs do want to go in, will the NSL exercise the option (for the first time) of inspecting facilities, financial standing, support and administration and compare them with JUST's set-up before finally condemning Schmitz Reserve back to the VSF in 1987?

All these and much more will unfold once we get the finals out of our hair.

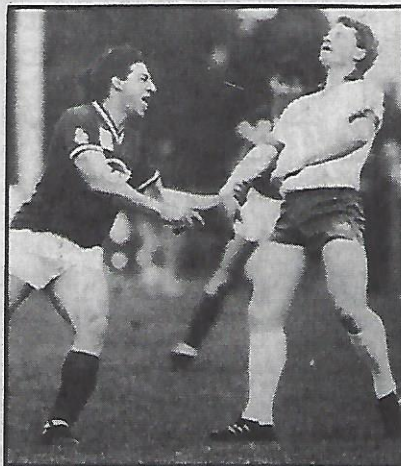
Green Gully saved itself of all such hassles on Sunday with this win.

And despite the scoreline, it was a convincing win because Gully had at least four more clearcut chances compared to the two that JUST created throughout this match.

Green Gully practically settled the result inside the first half hour despite playing into the wind—simply by adapting to the conditions better.

JUST started the match by man marking Paul Lewis (with Rad Barakatarovic), George Campbell (with Tom Karic) and Claude Lucchesi (with Don MacLeod).

Bill Lazopoulos and Brian O'Donnell, listed on the team-sheet as substitutes, played



• Kyri Kyriakoulas (left) has got a reputation as a strongman, as Paul Lewis of Green Gully finds out when Kyriakoulas clamps his hand on Lewis's wrist. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

from the start for their first full game in 12 weeks in place of Ernie Tapai (who had been in bed with the flu all week) and Joe Carroll.

But even before JUST had time to find its feet, the side found itself a goal behind largely because of the persistence of Tommy Cumming.

Cumming got the ball down the right following a good overlapping run by Andrew Young, and despite pressure from two JUST defenders managed to centre the ball to find Paul Lewis perfectly placed to squeeze the ball in between goalkeeper Dennis Boland and the far post.

Gully increased its lead to two goals and the credit for the second one belongs to Jim Williams, Campbell and Lewis.

Williams won the ball outside the left side of the penalty area and turned under pressure to push a good pass for David Hogben.

Hogben in turn found George Campbell in the middle of the park, who again under pressure turned well and pushed the ball clear for Lewis, who then finished expertly, rounding a defender, before steadying to hammer the ball into the back of the net for his 10th goal of the season.

The best save Denys, playing his 20th league game for Gully, had to make in the first half came in the 41st minute blocking a header from Don MacLeod who had pushed up to meet a left wing cross from Zdravko Lujic. From the rebound, Jamie Paton hit his shot over the bar.

JUST started its revival in the second half.

Lazopoulos headed over when well placed before Joe Carroll was sent on in place of O'Donnell to immediately pep up the midfield.

Carroll set up Jadranko Kodzo for a shot which deflected off Steve McLelland to end up in the net for a Footscray goal and renewed hope of JUST getting a result.

Carroll again provided the cross for JUST's easiest chance of the day but Tapai hit his shot over the bar.

But with caution thrown to the wind and defending only with two men, JUST always was prone to counter attacks and from one such breakaway Lewis should have put the result beyond doubt before the final whistle. He broke from the halfway line and shot past Dennis Boland but the ball slid the wrong side of the far post.

Charlie Egan  
leads scorers

With Graham Honeyman having won the Boral Bricks \$1000 Player of the Year award (see page one), interest now focusses on the battle for the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer prize.

As was pointed out at the start of the season, this contest will go on through the finals series and will not be decided until after the second leg of the national final—providing no-one establishes an unassailable lead before then.

Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) became outright leader at the weekend when he scored against Brisbane City while nearest challenger Jim Patikas (Sydney Croatia) failed to add to his tally.

Top wide-getters:  
70. Honeyman (WA), 69. Honeyman (WA), 68. Honeyman (WA).



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## SOUTHERN DIVISION

GREEN GULLY 2 (Lewis 5th, 27th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Kodzo 74th) at Green Gully Reserve. Attendance: 1200 (estimated). Ratings by Peter Desira.

GREEN GULLY: Denis 7 — Young 8, McLellan 7, Cannel 7, Higgins 7 — Cumming 8, Smallman 7, Williams 7 — Lucchesi 7, Lewis 8, Campbell 8 (man of the match), Kodzo 8, Barakatarovic 8, Kyriakoulas 8, MacLeod 8 — Kodzo 8, Bell 8, O'Donnell 8 (Carroll 73rd), Lazopoulos 8, Paton 8 (Tapai 88th), Lujic 8, Coach: Pocco 10.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Cumming (GG), 5. Young (GG), 4. MacLeod (FJ), 3. Campbell (GG), 2. Lewis (GG), 1. Boland (FJ).  
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Zini 14th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (L. Cr. 68th) at Olympic Park No. 2 ground. Crowd: about 3000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

JUVENTUS: Banovic 8 — Lewis 8, Dowie 7, Brown 6, E. Campbell 7 — Cullen 6, Wade 6, Petersen 6, Incontapou 6 — Sweeney 4 (Miranda 68th), Zini 6, Coach: John Margolis.  
CROATIA: Banovic 8 — Desankovic 8, McIntosh 8, Antolovic 7, Hannah 7 — Carrio 6, House 88th, Cristado 8, Campbell 7 — Lujic 6, Ward 7, Gojovic 7, Coach: Dom Kaspasovich.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Wade (BJ), 5. Runke (Cr), 4. McIntosh (Cr), 3. Petersen (BJ), 2. Cristado (Cr), 1. Banovic (BJ).  
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Egan 20th, McDowell 53rd, Crino 72nd, Brown 75th) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Pimblett penalty 87th) at Middle Park. Crowd: about 1500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 7, McDowell 9, Postecoglou 8 — Bozinovic 7, Halford 7, Crino 9, Murphy 8 — Egan 8, Brown 7, Coach: Len McIndery.  
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Archer 6, Milovanovic 7, Wilkinson 6, Bromfield 6 — Fabrizio 6 (Carey 60th), Pimblett 7, Mengotti 6, Hamilton 7 — Reis 6, Scriggins 5, Coach: Jim Hermiston.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. McDowell (SMH), 5. Crino (SMH), 4. Postecoglou (SMH), 3. Russell (SMH), 2. Egan (SMH), 1. Murphy (SMH).

## NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Gomez 24, Barnes 63) APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1014. Ratings by Peter Scott.  
HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Cant 6, S. O'Connor 7, Robertson 8, De Marigny 7, Watson 8, Gomez 8, Barnes 7, Farina 6, Lee 6, Fletcher 5, Acting Coach: Mick Hickman.  
APIA: Catlin 5, Sterrey 6 (Spina 72nd), Rowden 7, Mariani 8, Hamilton 7, Brown 5, Bertogna 7, Steven 5, Colaguri 5, Morsello 7, McBride 5, Coach: Fi Bottalico.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Watson, 5. Gomez (Both H), 4. Mariani (A), 3. Robertson, 2. O'Connor (Both H), 1. Bertogna (A).

ST. GEORGE 0, SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Kosmina Pen 20th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1000. Ratings by Andrew Dettre.  
ST. GEORGE: Greedy 6 — Skeen 5, Ratcliffe 7, Kozka 7, Green 4 — Bozanic 5 (Barton 73rd), O'Shea 5, Ricoy 5 — Slater 5, Petkovski 5, Cotton. Coach: Frank Arok.  
HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Cant 7, S. O'Connor 6, Robertson 8, De Marigny 7 — Gomez 5, Falconer 6, Barnes 6 — Farina 6, Kosmina 5, Lee 5, Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Robertson (H), 5. Ratcliffe (Stg), 4. Cant (H), 3. Kozka (Stg), 2. De Marigny (H), 1. Farina (H).  
BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Bradley 46th), APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Caban 53rd) at the Gabby. Crowd: 643. Ratings by Brad Eard.  
BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 6, Daley 7, Spinks 6, Van Egmund 81st, Wheatley 6, Pointer 7, Spinks 7, Thornthwaite 6, Bradley 6, Selva 6, Bourke 5, McKie 5, O'Connor 7, Coach: Casey de Bruin.  
APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin 7, Sterrey 8, Bertogna 7, Rowden 5, Brown 5, Steven 6, McCulloch 8, Hamilton 6, Morsello 7, McBride 7 (36th), Genovesi 5, Caban 7, Coach: Fil Bottalico.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. McCulloch (AI), 5. Sterrey (AI), 4. Pointer (B), 3. O'Connor (B), 2. Caban (AI), 1. Morsello (AI).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Stewart 43rd) INTER-MONARO 0 at Adamstown Sportsground. Crowd: about 650. Ratings by Myles Hay.  
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling 6, M. Jones 7, Owens 7, Boogaard 8, Thompson 7, Maier 6, Macquarrie 8, Naumov 6, Stewart 6, Brandt 6, Milesevic 6, Coach: Willie Gallagher.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Villani 69th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Lennon 88th) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Luongo 7, Tobin 6, Nyskous 8, Flounders 8 — Melita 6, Northcote 7 (Santrac 81st), villani 7 — Skalen 7, Maxwell 6, Vidmar 7, Coach: Edmund Kref. GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — Scott 6 (Campbell 66th), Richardson 6, James 6, Taylor 7 — Faulkner 6, Bain 7, Mitten 6 (Lennon 81st), MacLaren 7 — Gilder 6, Last 7, Coach: John Gerdiner.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Flounders (ACJ), 5. Richardson (GC), 4. Nyskous (ACJ), 3. James (GC), 2. Villani (ACJ), 1. Bain (GC).  
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (J. Stewart 12th) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Tasios 84th, Tsolakis 88th) at Richlands. Crowd: 1113. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

LIONS: Evans 7 — D. Hunter 7, A. Hunter 7, Vasquez 6, Niven 8 — Jackson 7, R. Stewart 8, Ogden 7 — Eastingthwaite 6 (Anderson 74th), Wright 6, J. Stewart 8, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.  
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McKie 6 (Valentine 78th), Yankos 8, Angelle 6, Ketsakids 7 — Tasios 7, Christopoulos 7, Winn 7 — Tsolakis 5, Selemidis 7, Stevenson 6 (Metaxas 71st), Coach: Brian Garvey.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. J. Stewart (BL), 5. Oliver (Heid), 4. R. Stewart (BL), 3. Niven (BL), 2. Yankos (Heid), 1. Jackson (BL).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Cole penalty 14th) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Price penalty 60th) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: about 1000. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traineades 7 — Opanisin 7, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Heys 7 — Gagic 6 (Smith 35th), Petrov 6, Iloski 7, Dunn 7 — Spink 7, Cole 7, Coach: Bill Murray.  
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crawford 6 — Brown 6 (sent off 55th), Matessak 7, McGachey 7 — Stamatoopoulos 6 (Scott half time 6), Manou 7, Panagis 6, Mousoulis 6, Genikas 7 — Stefanopoulos 6, Price 7, Coach: Neil McGachey.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. McGachey (WA), 5. Lane (PM), 4. Cole (SM), 3. Heys (PM), 2. Crook (WA), 1. Price (WA).

INTER-MONARO: Hocking 6, Tuilawa 6, Budini 7, Titilas 7, Williams 7, Willox 7, Carbone 8, Ambrósio 6 (Gagetti 80th), Brennan 6, Walsh 6 (Santolin 69th), Giampaolo 8, Coach: Frank MacCarone.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Macquarrie (N), 5. Giampaolo (IM), 4. Boogaard (N), 3. Carbone (IM), 2. Owens (N), 1. Budini (IM).

MARCONI 6 (Jankovics 40th, 56th, 70th, Brown 1st, 64th, Lowe pen 67th) PENRITH CITY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1189. Ratings by Alex Vasic.

MARCONI: McPherson (James 46th, 71) — Sterrey 7, Henderson 8, Calderan 8, Rizzotto 8-Gray 6 (Sharne 67th), Mason 7, Tredinnick 6, Lowe 6, Brown 8, Jankovics 9, Coach: Les Sheinflug.  
PENRITH CITY: Gibson 5-Brogan 5, Ainsworth 6, Cross 5, Toohey 7 — Hunter 5 (Shute 46th), Campbell 6, Jackson 7, Wooterspoon 7 — Jones 5 (Easthorpe 63rd), Licata 6, Coach: Willie Wallace.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Jankovics (M), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Brown (M), 3. Rizzotto (M), 2. Toohey (P), 1. Mason (M).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (T. English 53rd) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (A. Bundalo 68th) at the National Sport Centre. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Frank 8 — 8 Mihalidis 7, Jones 7, Burke 7, Bryant 7 — Sermanni 7, Byrne 7, Dunn — 8 GIBSON — Lamond 7, English 7, Coach: Roy Thomson.  
WOLLONGONG: Velkov 7 — Gaffley 7, Willis 7, Vilestra 9, Green — 7, Kotzamidis 7 (Stevanovski 81st), Bundalo 8, Dickson 7, 7, Brodnik 8, Gokik 7, Coach: Martin 7, Coach: Adrian Alsop.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Vilestra (W), 5. Frankan (IC), 4. Bundalo (W), 3. Dunn (IC), 2. Gibson (IC), 1. Brodnik (W).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Raskopoulos pen 15, Soper 28, Kalantzis 32) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Odzakov 27) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 8252. Ratings by Peter Scott.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7-Rogers 7, Stanikovic 7, Ziras 7, Jennings 8 — Johnston 6, Raskopoulos 9, Ogan 8-Soper 8, Kotholos 6, Kalantzis 7, Coach: Manfred Schaeffer.  
CROATIA: Watson 6-Rezo 7, Tomasic 6, Rozic 6, Clinch 7-Savor 7, Basic 6 (Dragicevic 46), Odzakovic 7-Jurin 6, Patikas 6, Arnold 6, Coach: Vedran Rozic.  
Best six for the Boral Bricks award: 6. Raskopoulos, 5. Jennings, 4. Ogan, 3. Soper, 2. Kalantzis, 1. Rogers (All Olympic).

Youth  
leagues

Victorian Youth League results  
Preston 4 Frankston Pines 2  
Green Gully 3 Footscray 2, B.U. Juventus 0 Melbourne Croatia 0, Sth Melbourne 7 Croydon City 1.

## VIC YOUTH STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sth Melbourne	15	3	4	29	21	33
B.U. Juventus	10	9	2	23	22	29
Heidelberg Utd	13	2	5	10	31	28
Melb Croatia	11	6	4	43	15	28
Preston	11	6	4	45	25	28
Green Gully	11	2	8	54	24	24
Footscray	9	3	8	39	38	21
Nunawading City	6	5	9	21	49	17
Sunshine G.X.	6	4	10	37	29	16
Fawkner	3	1	13	21	64	9
Croydon City	2	3	16	16	77	7
Frankston Pines	2	2	17	24	82	6

NATIONAL  
YOUTH LEAGUE

Newcastle 0 drew with Inter-Monaro 0, Sydney City 2 d St George 1, Sydney Olympic 4 d Croatia 1, Marconi 3 d Penrith 1, Wollongong 1 d Canberra 0, Leichhardt 2 d Blacktown 0, Newcastle 1 drew with AIS 1.

POINTS: Wollongong 31, Canberra 31, Sydney City 23, AIS 23, Newcastle 23, Leichhardt 21, St George 20, Inter-Monaro 20, Marconi 18, Olympic 17, Croatia 16, Blacktown 15, Penrith 14.

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10. Sweeney (BJ), Lewis (GG)  
9. Latif (SGC), D. Brown (SMH), Ward (IM Cr)  
8. Smith (Mak), Zini (BJ)  
7. Lujic (JUST)  
6. Spink, Cole (Mak), Tasios (H'B), Villani (ACJ), Reis (BC)  
5. Maxwell (ACJ), Petersen (BJ)

## Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week

RUNJE (2) (Melb Croatia)	ROBERTSON (1) (Syd C.Hakoah)	VUETSTRA (1) (Wollongong)
MCDOWELL (3) (SM-HELLAS)	WADE (2) (BU-Juventus)	CRINO (3) (SM-Hellas)
RASKOPOULOS (2) (Syd Olympic)	CUMMING (1) (Green Gully)	JANKOVICS (2) (Marconi)
		J STEWART (1) (Brisb. Lions)
		MCQUARRIE (2) (Newcastle)

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28. Runje (M.Cr), Gibson (P)

26. Traineades (Mak), Kastner (SGC)

25. Olver (H'B)

23. Wishart (BC)

21. Gosling (NR)

17. Evans (BL), Denys (GG)

16. Meier (SO)

30. Gojovic (M.Cr), Farina (SCH)

29. Tapai (JUST)

28. Runje (M.Cr)

26. Traineades (Mak)

24. Kalantzis (SO)

23. Owens (NR)

22. Postecoglou (SMH)

19. Karic (JUST)

Leaders:

49. Bundalo (W)

47. A Hunter (BL)

46. Slater (StG)

39. Maxwell (ACJ)

38. Franken (Can)

36. Dickson (W)

35. R Stewart (BL)

31. Kozka (StG)



Craig Mackenzie

**Man of the match:**  
**GARY McDOWELL**  
(SM-HELLAS)



Paul Wade celebrates Juve's goal

# CROATIA ENDS JUVE'S BID

**BU-Juventus 1  
Melb Croatia 1**

**Scorers:** Zinni (BU) 14th, J Campbell (Cr) 65th  
**Venue:** Olympic Park No. 2  
**Crowd:** about 300  
**Referee:** Don Campbell (SA)

**Cautions:** nil

Brunswick Juventus lost all remaining hope of taking out top spot with this result.

Juventus had been poised for a possible advance into first place had league leader SM-Hellas slipped.

The team which finishes in first place has the advantage of needing to win only one final match to qualify for the divisional grand final.

That advantage remained a



Laurie Schwab

**Man of the match:**  
**PAUL WADE**  
(BU-Juventus)

ritus relected by replacing big striker Joe Sweeney who had a knee — with Richard Miranda, just back after a two-week suspension.

Croatia replaced Tony Curcio with Greg House and in the last five minute Mike Petersen and Fabio Incantualpo of Juventus and Gary Ward of Croatia all came close to scoring.

All players deserve praise even for being on the field in the windy, wet conditions, and there were more noteworthy performances than one would have expected.

Dave McIntosh, for example, reigned supreme in Croatia's defence and it was probably because of his uncompromising attitude that Sweeney finally was replaced.

Victor Cristaldo, standing in for Suleman Curcovic who was injured (Josip Biskic was out suspended) did exceptionally well in midfield and tested Banovic with two promising long-range shots.

Mike Petersen came good in the second half, providing the thoughtful passes that enabled Juventus to hold possession for a while and alleviate Croatia's pressure.

Marko Runje was just great in goal for Croatia — more than making up for the bad one he had had against Hellas, while at the other end, Yanka Banovic was just as safe, if not as spectacular.

Juventus coach John Marga-

## Magic moments from Crino and McDowell

**SM-Hellas 4  
Bris. City 1**

**Scorers:** Egan 20th, McDowell 53rd, Crino 72nd, Brown 75th (SMH); Pimblett penalty 87th (BC)  
**Venue:** Middle Park  
**Crowd:** about 750  
**Cautions:** Wishart, Wilkinson (BC); Brown (SMH)  
**Referee:** Jim Fearn 8.

Those fortunate enough to see Gary McDowell's 50 metre goal will remember it all their lives.

I wasn't one of them and it's thanks to Joe Docherty and Frank Campbell that I'm able to relate the tale of what surely is the finest goal of the season.

In the 33rd minute, Kim Wishart gave the ball a mighty punt downfield. McDowell, on the half way line, met it with a first time volley, sending it sailing over the head of a startled Wishart and cannoning into the back stanchion of the Brisbane City goal.

And I was returning from the toilet at the time!

The call of nature, however, didn't interfere with my view of another special moment in what was a real drubbing for Brisbane City. It came in the 40th minute and drew applause from both the press and Hellas fans. It was a moment in which the genius in Oscar Crino burst into full bloom.

Crino dummed to go inside from wide on the left and well inside his defensive half. He dropped his right shoulder, his opponent took the bait, and Crino motored casually past him on the outside only to be confronted once more. This time he pushed the ball through the legs of his second opponent then played a superb one-two with Doug Brown and

curled the ball with the outside of his right foot in behind the City defence in search of Charlie Egan, just missing the target.

I'm not sure what terms such as "entertaining" or "boring" mean. They belong to the realm of the abstract. Certainly they lack, in their present all-too-often use, operational definitions. Maybe you only have an intuitive sense of their meaning. If so, at that moment in the match, I sensed, as did every onlooker, that we had seen a rarity and the spontaneous applause which echoed around the half-full grandstand was thoroughly justified.

The Crino genius and Charlie Egan's positional and finishing qualities combined to open the scoring in the 20th minute. Brown too played a prominent part. It was his one-two with Crino which sent the mid-field maestro clear on the left. Crino waited just long enough for Egan to drop off at the far post then sent a delicately flighted and weighted chip to that area. Egan brought the ball down and struck it superbly into the roof of the net from eight metres.

From the restart, City should have levelled. Alan Reis got clear but Peter Laumets did well to smother Reis' shot from six metres. McDowell's amazing goal ended City chances although the visitors came very close in the 57th minute when Lee Skriggs robbed Bobby Russell and shot well. Laumets reacted very quickly, getting a hand to the ball and Steve Blair did the rest, hooking it off the line.

A second Laumets one-hander denied Reis in the 61st minute but Hellas scored two goals in three minutes to completely demoralise City. The first came in the 72nd minute

when Brown's corner found McDowell rising high and heading firmly. Wishart got a hand to the ball but was helpless as Crino drilled it into the roof of the net from point blank range.

A superb exchange between Kenny Murphy, Egan and Brown set up Brown in the 75th minute and he made no mistake from 10 metres. City's consolation came in the 87th minute. Substitute Peter Carey was decked in between McDowell and Steve Blair and Frank Pimblett made it 4-1 from the penalty spot.

## Bergers bury Lions

**Bris. Lions 1  
Heidelberg 2**

**Scorers:** J. Stewart 12th, Tassios 84th, Tsolakis 88th.  
**Venue:** Richlands  
**Cautions:** R. Stewart (Lions), Stevenson (Heid)  
**Referee:** Graham Waine 8.

Lions' spirits soared after 12 minutes when captain John Stewart rose at the far post to head in a Danny Wright cross which had been flicked on at the near post by Richard Basingthwaite.

But then things started to go bad. First midfielder Russell Stewart, whose form in the past month has been among the best of his career, was booked for an over-eager tackle. Stewart meant no malice but referee Graham Waine, on the spot all day, saw it as a four-point offence.

That took the former young Soccerroo over the 12 point



Ricky Rosso

mark for the second time this season and therefore earned him a two match suspension. He will take no further part in the season.

But worse was to come. Lions, as they had done so many times in the past, failed to drive their advantage home.

Heidelberg, whose first-half performance was described by coach Brian Garvey as its "worst showing for long time", did have one chance to equalise. Charlie Yankos hit a freekick over the Lions' defence which was met by Theo Selemidis.

Selemidis saw Lions keeper Wayne Evans approaching and headed down under the Lions' custodian. But Alan Hunter was covering and cleared off the line.

But then with six minutes to go, Heidelberg showed Lions how to put away the chances. A freekick in the middle of the park was quickly pushed down the right and young Steve Tassios fired an unstoppable shot at an acute angle from 18 metres.

Lions then showed all their inexperience when they could not even hold on for a draw. With two minutes remaining Steve Winn broke through a flat and tired looking Lions defence. With no sweeper or central defence in sight, Alan Niven was left on his own and

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN STEWART**  
(Lions)

forced to leave his man to shut down Winn.

Winn slipped it right for Tsolakis, who had been quiet throughout, to blast past the exposed Evans.

It was undoubtedly the biggest steal of two points this season and underlined that when the going got tough this season, Lions simply did not deserve a top five place.

St. George 0  
SC Hakoah 1

**Scorers:** Kosmina 20th pen  
**Venue:** St George Stadium  
**Crowd:** About 1000  
**Cautions:** Kosmina (H)  
**Referee:** Gary Power

Reasonable defences facing pathetic attacks always produce dreary soccer. This match was no exception, making the once classic 'derby' between the old rivals a bore.

There can be no doubt that the better team won — Albert with a hair-raisingly harsh penalty.

Sydney City-Hakoah at least put together some moves in midfield which resembled the game of soccer — the Saints couldn't even do that.

Now, to the match, ever so briefly. Nothing happened in the first 20 minutes — and not much after that, either.

But at that crucial point referee Gary Power decided that Green's perfectly legal tackle on fragile Farina was a foul and awarded a penalty.

Kosmina duly converted — and that remained just about the only decent shot of the match.

The 200 or so Greek fans, on their off day, amused themselves on the stand by hurling abuse at Sydney City players. Gerry Gomez, after what was for him a mild foul, got so intimidated by the "crowd" that he almost withdrew into his shell.

In the 32nd minute Kosmina lived up to the sleepy atmosphere by sliding into goalie Greedy and earning himself his customary caution.

Why the Australian captain feels this sort of primitive "charge" has to be part of his repertoire remains unexplained.

Two minutes from halftime Cotton set up a lovely chance for Bozanic but, facing the goal some four metres away, he blasted a careless shot wide.

That, as it turned out, was the Saints' only real chance.

In the 77th minute Slater, at last ending his innumerable zigzagging runs with a shot, saw the ball deflected into the corner.

## WATSON, GOMEZ!

**Hakoah 2  
APIA 0**

**Scorers:** Gomez 24th, Barnes 63  
**Venue:** St George Stadium  
**Crowd:** 1014  
**Referee:** Peter Ramplery 7.

It was a glimpse of the Hakoah of old which cheering fans were treated to at St George stadium last Wednesday night — at least for the last 60 minutes of the game.

After withstanding the early enthusiasm and not inconsiderable skill of an APIA desperately seeking an escape from the rock-solid defence of Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson and the revival of Murray Barnes, one is entitled to ask: "Why can't this team play at this standard on more than a handful of occasions per season?"

Gomez was once again, as so often before, the jolly joker of the Hakoah pack — not only outstanding in defence and the

midfield, but also scoring the opening goal.

The lucky Costa Rican capitalised on an APIA defensive blackout to steer home from close quarters a long range freekick by Joe Watson.

Putting the issue beyond any doubt fell to Barnes, whose 23 metre drive got a slight deflection off a defender 18 minutes into the second half and rocketed past a stranded Catlin into the left corner of the net.

However, it wasn't all beer and skittles for the Hakoah camp, as is obvious from the fact that none of the goals were scored by its strikers.

In fact all three of them had a poor night, with Lee slightly more useful than his two companions, Farina and Fletcher.

APIA was not by any means a punching bag, in fact it traded attack and counterattack with its solid defence of Steve O'Connor and Alex Robertson and the revival of Murray Barnes, one is entitled to ask: "Why can't this team play at this standard on more than a handful of occasions per season?"

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**Man of the match:**  
**JOE WATSON**  
(Hakoah)

One is almost scared to contemplate the possibility of a famous club such as APIA getting relegated and I will stick my neck out and forecast that they will escape the big drop.

Let us hope that 1986 will see the revival of this legendary and widely admired team.

AC Juventus 1  
George Cross 1

**Scorers:** Villani 69th, Lennon 88th.  
**Venue:** Olympic Sports Field  
**Referee:** Richard Lorenz 7.  
**Crowd:** 1200.  
**Sent off:** Don MacLaren.  
**Cautions:** Kastner, Taylor, MacLaren.

The peace and tranquillity of a seemingly inevitable goalless draw was shattered by a single controversial decision by referee Richard Lorenz.

The Sydney whistler could not have imagined the pandemonium that would break loose when he halted play in the 68th minute to award an indirect free kick on the edge of the penalty area to Adelaide



Allan Crisp

City for time-wasting by Sunshine George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner.

Charley Villani belted home the touch on by Steve Maxwell to precipitate an almighty argument by the George Cross players which eventually resulted in Don MacLaren being red-carded.

MacLaren carried the debate to the centre circle as the game was about to restart, but despite a caution for dissent, continued to mouth off and Lorenz reached for the red card.

The ill-temper stretched further in the next couple of minutes as first Chris Taylor and then Kastner were yellow-carded.

George Cross officials were incensed after the game, claiming that Lorenz had no right to invoke such a penalty for time wasting.

"He can only stop the game to caution a player, but he did not caution anyone. He just awarded a free kick," said club president John Borg.

"It was a good game up until that ridiculous decision," said coach John Gardiner.

But despite being reduced to 10 men, or perhaps because of the reduction, Sunshine dis-

**Man of the match:**  
**NEVILLE FLOUNDERS**  
(AC-Juventus)

fighting qualities to claim an equaliser from substitute Max Lennon.

The latter was on hand inside the box to poke in a ground shot after the ball had been headed down by City defender Alex Tobin.

Earlier Juventus had blown too many legitimate scoring opportunities to warrant success, while George Cross saw its two best chances denied by Juventus fullback Ernie Luongo, who cleared attempts by Steve Richardson and Noel Mitten in the first 19 minutes.

Mitten went close 10 minutes before half time when his header floated over the crossbar from an Ossie Laliff free kick.

But the worst miss of all came from Juventus in the 55th minute when Steve Maxwell had been pushed off the ball in the box and referee Sergio Melta blazed the spot kick well wide to give rise to speculation that Juventus would not score in its final home game of the season.

The happenings of the 69th minute, however, changed all that and sent veterans and novices alike reaching for rule books.

Meanwhile, George Cross officials reached for pen and paper to bring the matter to the attention of the NSL office.

## Adelaide challenge

West Adelaide Halls and Adelaide City Juventus will contest a two-legged \$10,000 Challenge Cup series over the next few weeks.

The first leg will be played at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, with the return game on August 25 at Olympic Sports Field.

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# Schaefer: Croatia's naive



## Olympic 3 Croatia 1

Venue: St George Stadium  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 9  
Cautions: Ogun, Rogers  
(Olympic) Basic, Jinn, Savor,  
Tomasic (Croatia)  
Crowd: 8252

Scorers: Raskopoulos Pen  
15th, Odzakovic 27th, Soper  
28th, Kalantzis 32nd.  
"Revenge is sweet,"  
said Olympic coach Man-  
fred Schaefer after the  
final whistle sounded on a  
superb effort by his Olympic  
Squad.

He was, of course, referring  
to the 5-0 drubbing at the hands  
of Croatia in the first round of  
the competition this year.  
Just by the way, the thrash-  
ing of the Northern Division

leaders for the past several  
months also opened the way  
for Sydney Hakohak to take  
league leadership.

Olympic's win also put to  
rest a conspiracy theory  
making the rounds in Sydney  
throughout the week, alleging  
the elements within the  
Croatia club have made ap-  
proaches seeking "assistance"  
in finishing on top of the lad-  
der.

"There was no question of  
us not trying," Schaefer said.  
"We didn't have any pressure  
on us and played for our pride  
and self respect."  
Defender Mariya Rogers  
added, "and for the dollars,  
too."

"With the cup final on  
August 16 our next match,  
we needed a good performance to-  
day," the Olympic coach said.  
"It was up to Croatia to play



Peter Scott

like premiers — and they  
failed."

Schaefer described the  
Croatia tactics as naive, built  
on an attacking pattern which  
left their defence exposed time  
and again.

Furthermore, he also had  
some observations about  
Frank Arok's Soccerco selections.

"For the second time this  
year we blotted Odzakovic out of

## Man of the match: PETER RASKOPOULOS (Olympic)

a game and in my book he is  
not an international standard  
footballer. As for Peter Ras-  
kopoulos, I would be very sur-  
prised if Arok didn't find his  
performance interesting..."

True enough! The Olympic  
skipper had an absolute blinder  
amongst a number of  
superb performances by  
Olympic's players.

His distribution and over-  
view of the game was nothing  
short of brilliant and his occa-  
sional fits of bad temper and  
petty retaliation were also

absent on this occasion. show-  
ing him to be a marvellous  
midfielder when his mind is  
strictly on the football.

After an opening flurry by  
Croatia which had Gary  
Meier performing miracles in  
goal, Olympic hit its stride,  
and when Rozic upended  
Soper, Raskopoulos con-  
fidently converted the result-  
ing penalty.

There was controversy 12  
minutes later as Zeljko Jurin  
was chopped and managed to  
land inside the penalty area,  
but referee Mellings awarded  
a freekick right on the line.

Croatian emotions were  
quickly subdued by a brilliant  
Odzakovic kick which brought  
up the equaliser.

Olympic was not to be  
denied on this day, as with less  
than a minute gone Jennings

sneaked past an out of position  
Basic cut across the five  
metre box where Soper slam-  
med in the sitter which  
presented itself.

Within four minutes the  
match was as good as over  
after Soper stormed down the  
opposite wing, floating in a  
cross which eluded Watson,  
but found Kalantzis with the  
simplest of headers on the  
goal-line to set the final score.

There were other good chances,  
with Kalantzis and John  
ston missing them, but the end  
result was never in doubt as  
Olympic blotted Croatia out of  
the match in the second half  
with the greatest of ease.

A bumper crowd on a beau-  
tiful day, and champagne  
socc — this was one of the  
troubled National Soccer Le-  
ague's better days.

## McCulloch is back in form

By  
BRAD EARL  
Man of  
the match:  
TOMMY MCCULLOCH  
(APIA)

## Blacktown 1 APIA 1

Crowd: 643  
Referee: Tim Davies 9  
Cautions: Pointer (B)  
Scorers: Bradley 46th,  
Caban 53rd

Ground: Gabbie Stadium  
An improved perfor-  
mance by Soccerco mid-  
fielder Tommy McCulloch  
was the highlight of  
APIA's 1-1 draw with  
Blacktown City.

McCulloch has had an ordi-  
nary season with APIA so far  
but this time he won more than  
his fair share of possession and  
stroked the ball confidently,  
spraying passes to all corners  
of the park.

It was unfortunate that  
APIA lost Jim McBride  
through injury in the 36th min-  
ute. The Scottish striker was  
playing his last guest game for  
APIA and all were hoping for a  
much better performance. He  
looked quite sharp in the open-  
ing half hour and it was dis-  
appointing to see the nippy  
Scott come off the park.

Casey De Bruin asked his  
players to push forward more  
after half time with Bradley to  
play an attacking role. And it  
paid off almost immediately.  
Phil O'Connor's cross neatly  
was converted by Bradley with  
a header.

However, it took APIA just  
six minutes to get on even  
terms.  
Barry Hoare miscued his  
throw and the ball hit the 16  
metre line. Kerry Caban could  
not believe his luck as he inter-  
cepted this throw to face  
Hoare. As the keeper came out,  
Caban lobbed him to make  
it 1-1.

Caban and Pointer had an  
interesting duel with the points  
shared at the end of the en-  
counter.

One of McCulloch's con-  
fident forays found Tony Mor-  
sello coming through but the  
shot by Morsello did not find  
the target.

Apart from its goal, Black-  
town's only other dangerous  
move came after 71 minutes  
when Bradley's cross found  
John Spanos whose shot was  
cleared off the line by Ham-  
ilton.

## Bundalo sent off

Man of  
the match:  
RAY VIETSTRA  
(Wollongong)



Peter Windsor

## Canberra 1 Wollongong 1

Scorers: English 53rd (C);  
Bundalo 68th (W).  
Venue: National Sports Sta-  
dium.  
Cautions: Bundalo, Vilestra,  
Morton.

Sent off: Bundalo 74th (W).  
Ref: Jim Reeves (Newcast-  
le)

Canberra, needing  
points and goals for its des-  
perate top five bid, squan-  
dered its chances by fall-  
ing foul of relegation  
threatened Wollongong in  
a scrappy 1-1 draw.

Canberra never looked like  
a side ready to mix it with the  
top five. In the first half it  
created enough chances to  
have had the game sewn up at  
the break — but all were  
missed.

Even when Wollongong was  
reduced to 10-men when Alex  
Bundalo was red-carded for  
kicking the ball out of play (hav-  
ing earlier been given a  
yellow card), Canberra dom-  
inated, but even then almost  
lost a point when allowing  
Wollongong midfielder Pat Brod-  
nik to make two superb attack-  
ing runs.

Canberra was the better  
first half team in terms of  
clear chances created. Three  
times it should have scored but  
the men who muffed them  
were front-runner Manis  
Lamond who cracked his  
effort over the bar, midfielder  
Tommy Sermanni who shot  
wide from close range, and  
Tommy English, who also shot  
wide.

The locals, however, had  
good reason to cheer in anti-  
cipation of a Canberra victory  
when the deadlock finally was  
broken in the 53rd minute.

Teenage Canberra mid-  
fielder Jason Dunne did the  
lead-up work and when  
Lamond slipped it back inside  
Dunne was involved before the  
ball ran to the cool head of vet-  
eran Ian Gibson.

It was Gibson who spotted  
English unmarked on the right  
flank and Gibson slipped the  
ball across the face of goal for  
English to kick, dribble  
around goalkeeper Kiri Velkov  
and find the net.

But Canberra just couldn't  
go on with it.  
Wollongong played with ad-  
ditional commitment and  
vigour and was rewarded with  
a brilliant 68th minute goal by  
younger Bundalo.

Canberra's goalkeeper Tony  
Franken had fisted away a cor-  
ner, hit the ball with a young  
Peter Kotzamanidis who in turn  
slipped it to the unmarked  
Bundalo.

Bundalo was close to 30  
metres out when he whistled  
volley whistled through the  
packed goalmouth and into the  
roof of the net.

Canberra then had to  
commit itself to attack.  
Twice, however, Wollongong  
almost struck through quick  
breaks — and brilliant solo  
runs from first Pat Brodnik  
and then Bernie Godzik.

Only the class of Franken  
saved the day for Canberra.



Canberra City Olympians, back row: Roy Thomson (coach), Tony Redmond, Terry Byrne, Jason Dunne, Roy Jones, Marko Perinovic, Peter Burke, Derek Robinson (physio). Front row: Steve Bryant, Paul Ontong, John Mihalidis, Tony Franken, George Economopoulos, Tom Sermanni, Ian Gibson, Hilton Phillips.

## SENKALSKI DROPPED

## N. Rosebud 1 Inter Monaro 0

Scorer: Stewart (N).  
Venue: Adamstown Sports  
Ground.  
Crowd: Approx 650.  
Referee: Dave Nugent 7.

The main pre-match  
topic was coach Willie Gal-  
lagher's decision to leave  
former Australian player  
Joe Senkalski on the bench  
as substitute but after the  
game Newcastle's coura-  
geous 1-0 win over Inter-  
Monaro made the fans  
forget Senkalski's sensa-  
tional omission.

Inter-Monaro players were  
dazed over just how they man-  
aged to lose a match which  
should have been in the bag  
before half-time.

Stocky defender Angelo  
Titilas brilliantly lost his  
cover on two occasions to be  
left completely clear in front

of the Newcastle goal. But  
Titilas failed to convert either  
chance with a gaping goal in  
front of him.

Earlier, striker John Walsh  
had headed the ball against the  
crossbar with New Zealand  
squad keeper Clint Gosling  
badly positioned.

Still it wasn't all one-way  
traffic as was instanced when  
winger Dino Milosevic out-  
smarted Michael Tullawa and  
Simon Brand's shot was  
blocked by Titilas.  
Minutes later a toe-poke by  
Darren Stewart struck goal-  
keeper Howard's outstretched  
foot which averted a certain  
goal.

Attilio Carbone (Inter-  
Monaro) and John Macquarrie  
(Newcastle) were hard-  
working midfielders in a first  
half of scorned chances,  
before the home side grabbed  
the lead only two minutes  
before the break.

Macquarrie steered the ball  
out to the overlapping left

Man of  
the match:  
JOHN MACQUARRIE  
(N. Rosebud)

back Andrew Thompson whose  
line cross was cleverly headed  
by Stewart, giving keeper  
Hocking little chance for a mo-  
rale-boosting half-time lead to  
Newcastle.

Coach Gallagher must have  
been heartened by the deter-  
mined showing of his charges,  
with the added knowledge of  
having players of the calibre of  
Senkalski and David Jones on  
the bench.

Jones resumed training last  
week after being out of action  
with a bout of influenza while  
the standing down of the gifted  
Senkalski was undoubtedly a  
psychological tactic by the  
deep-thinking Scottish coach.

## McGachey: it wasn't a penalty!

## Makedonia 1 WA-Hellas 1

Scorers: Cole 14th (Pen),  
Price 68th (Pen).  
Venue: Cionnor Reserve  
Crowd: About 1000  
Yellow Cards: Smith (Ma-  
kedonia), Crook, McGachey,  
Maney (WA-Hellas).  
Red Card: Brown (Westad).  
Referee: Jim Fokianos 6

Neither team could  
come to grips with the ex-  
tremely windy conditions,  
and as a consequence, the  
game was rather a  
scrappy affair.

Makedonia, playing with a  
strong following wind in the  
first half, pinned Hellas in its  
own half for long periods, but  
was unable to convert its ter-  
ritorial advantage into goals,  
apart from a penalty scored by  
Gary Cole in the 14th minute.

Mind you, Makedonia did  
have chances: Warren Spink,  
Robbie Dunn, Gary Cole and  
Graham Heys all had a go, but  
their attempts were either off  
target or foiled by some fine  
goalkeeping by Martin Crook.

The penalty decision was  
hotly disputed by the Hellas  
players and playing coach Neil  
McGachey was adamant after  
the match that referee Jim Fo-  
kianos erred in pointing to the  
spot.

Certainly, there were some  
controversial aspects sur-  
rounding the penalty.

There was a goalmouth  
scramble following a corner  
kick, Jim Fokianos blew the  
whistle for what appeared to  
be a freekick for a push in the  
back of goalkeeper Martin Crook.

Just before the whistle, how-  
ever, a Hellas defender  
handled the ball.

Both sides claimed the free-  
kick and after consulting his  
linesman John Santa Isabel,  
Jim Fokianos ruled in favor of  
Makedonia.

Martin Crook disputed the  
decision even after Gary  
Cole's successful conversion,



Ken Kontra

and was shown the yellow card  
for his trouble.

This incident aside, West  
Adelaide kept its cool in the  
first half, and although forced  
on the defensive, Neil  
McGachey had his team well  
organised — Tim Brown  
marked Warren Spink, Les  
Matichak was on Gary Cole,  
Nick Mousoulis had the mea-  
sure of George Gagic and John  
Panagis had an even battle  
with Sean Lane.

At the end of the first 45  
minutes, one had the feeling  
that the visitors might gain the  
upper hand kicking with the  
wind in the second half — and  
the one goal advantage might  
prove to be insufficient for the  
home team.

As it happened, Hellas was  
reduced to 10 men at the 55th  
minute mark, and Makedonia  
was right on top for most of  
the half and were perhaps a bit  
unlucky to share the points in  
the end.

The sending off followed a  
scuffle involving nearly all the  
players.

A free kick was awarded to  
Makedonia, and the next  
minute it was on for young and  
old.

From the pressbox it was  
impossible to see what ac-  
tually triggered off the fracas,  
but when it was all over, referee  
Jim Fokianos had no hesita-  
tion in giving Tim Brown his  
marching orders.  
Reducing to 10 men, West

Man of  
the match:  
NEIL MCGACHEY  
(WA Hellas)

Adelaide only managed a few  
counterattacks through Gary  
Price, and after the equalizer,  
was content to hang on to the  
one point.

Makedonia on the other  
hand, put quite a few attacking  
hours together and looked the  
more likely team to add to its  
score.

Sean Lane surged forward  
on the left on several occa-  
sions leaving John Panagis in  
his wake and put excellent  
crosses into the penalty area.

Gary Cole dropped back into  
midfield and used the ball in-  
telligently but the closest  
Makedonia came to scoring  
was in the 74th minute, when  
Warren Spink curled a free-  
kick around the post but his  
crossbar.

They say that two wrongs  
don't make a right, but if Jim  
Fokianos made a mistake in  
the first half awarding a pen-  
alty to Makedonia, then his 88th  
minute decision certainly  
made up for it.

From a corner kick a shot at  
goal was stopped on the line by  
Con Opasinis — according to  
Opasinis and his team-mates,  
he took the ball on his chest —  
according to the referee he  
also handled the ball in the  
process.

Garry Price took the kick,  
and easily beat Phil Trai-  
nades to level the score.

Neil McGachey praised his  
team after the match for the  
effort in gaining a point with 10  
men but was not particularly  
impressed with the standard of  
refereeing.  
Bill Murray said that Make-  
donia outplayed the visitors in  
every department and should  
have won easily, and was not  
too pleased with having  
missed so many chances.

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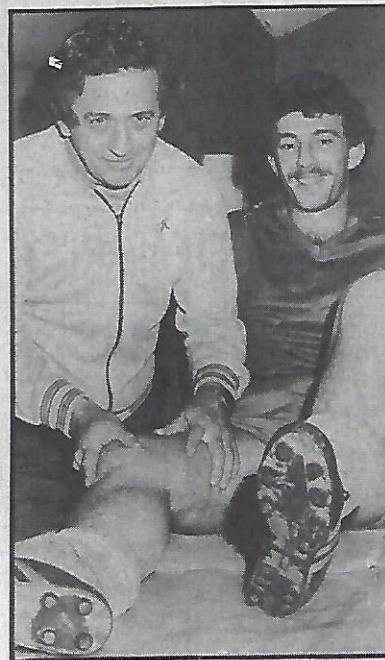
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# FAIRY MEADOW

## Top players and a top coach — the recipe for success



● Fairy Meadow defender Paul Jones, shields the ball superbly from a Narrabeen opponent.



● Physio Ron Nolan (left) attends to striker Roberto Giraldi before a training session.

Here are the men who have carried the club to the top of the NSW State League:

**WARWICK YOUNG** (Goalkeeper): This tall and talented goalkeeper is a product of the South Coast. He started his career with Corrimal Rangers but moved to Fairy Meadow in 1983. In 1984 he joined St George but returned to Fairy Meadow at the start of the 1985 season. He is a feature of Meadow's highly successful backline. At one stage he was better known as the brother of Craig Young the Australian Rugby League representative, but since has carved his own niche with the highly efficient Fairy Meadow defence.

**REG CHILBY** (Defender): Strong, fast and a very good tackler, he has been moved from the central defence to fullback and has played in that position with success. The captain of the side, Chilby is an example of a good sportsman as well as a strong clubman.

**JOCK MORLANDO** (Defender): Another man moved from the central defence to fullback at the start of the season by John Fleming. So far, Morlando has satisfied with his displays at left back. Morlando is a versatile player and can play in midfield as well as attack but his natural position is in the back four.

**PAUL JONES** (Defender): At 186cm tall, Jones is not a man that opponents enjoy facing. This no-nonsense tackler covers a great amount of space in front of Warwick Young and his aerial supremacy gives the Meadow backline the stability it needs against teams relying on crosses. Jones, highly rated by his previous coach Mike Johnson also has received praise from Fleming as the "most improved player" at Meadow.

**LARRY BERRINGER** (Defender): This is the first season for Berringer in this class of football. He played in the Illawarra Association last year but was spotted by Meadow and drafted into the side for 1985. This man tackles as hard as any player I have seen but he has another side to his nature — he is the team's morale booster. His jokes on and off the park often spur on his team mates as well as relax them when tension builds. He enjoys the respect of both teammates and opponents.

**RICHARD PIEL** (Midfielder): At 18 years of age, Piel would have to be Meadow's best prospect. He is only 162cm tall (5'4") but what he lacks in height he makes up for in speed, enthusiasm and skill. I likened him to the famous Nobby Stiles earlier in the season, but I



● Mick Richardson, accepting one of Fairy Meadow's many trophies.

must admit that such a player is possibly the only feature that lacks Nobby's "zip". He is the dynamo in midfield, the man most appreciated by Meadow fans.

**PHIL MOWBRAY** (Forward): "It is a shame that such a player is now 30 years of age but has never played football at top level" was Fleming's comment on Mowbray recently. And Fleming is correct. An efficient good poacher, with pace and ability to match, Mowbray is the man most feared by opponents. He shares the honors as top scorer this season with Glen Fontana and is confident that he'll be the top marksman by the end of season.

**ROBERTO GERALDI** (Midfielder): Exceptionally skilful, with an eye for openings, he has been moved from a striking role into midfield this season. He plays behind the central striker and his grafting has produced many a

winning goal. Of Italian parents and playing with an Italian-sponsored club, Geraldi is naturally the pin-up of the local crowd.

**STEVE BAKER** (Striker): After nine years with Fairy Meadow, Baker suddenly has come to prominence. Not because his goal scoring ability has improved dramatically but simply because the side has been doing so well. He always has been a danger man at Meadow, a most feared striker. This year, many an offer was made for Baker but Fairy Meadow was determined to keep him.

**MICK RICHARDSON** (Midfielder): For my money, Richardson is the most skilful player at Meadow. He also is the longest serving player with more than 250 games for the club. Despite the loss against Sutherland at Seymour, Richardson was by far the best Meadow player. He is in his 12th year with the club.

**GLEN FONTANA** (Striker): Apart from Fleming, Fontana is the only player with NSL experience. Fleming's assistant, Fontana can be a match winner. His experience and pace makes him the man to watch in most encounters. Tall, with a powerful shot in either foot.

**MICKY WHITE** (Fullback): After 11 years with the club and almost 250 games, White still is among Meadow's best. Used either as an attacking fullback or marker, he is a player who always gives his best.

**RICHARD PIEC** (Fullback): A punishing tackler with speed to match. However, the side is full of good defenders and he hasn't had much chance to prove himself in the top grade.

**MAURIZIO MONTECCHI** (Sweeper): Due to an injury earlier in the year, he has had little chance to come back with the side doing so well in State League. He has performed well in the Second Grade but as most coaches would say, it is hard to change a winning combination.

**STEPHEN BRADLEY** (Forward): Still an apprentice with the club, Stephen is one of a number of promising youngsters awaiting their chance.

**MARK SWEENEY** (Defender): With only a few First Grade appearances this year, Mark still is in the "wings" waiting for his chance. He is a tall and rugged defender.

**JOHN FLEMING** (Midfielder): Irrespective of which team wins the State League title, most would agree that John Fleming, the coach of Fairy Meadow, has been the "find of the season". His playing credentials are impressive.

He spent five years with Oxford United in the English Second Division. He then was transferred to Lincoln City in Fourth Division and in the same season the side moved up to Third Division. He stayed with Lincoln for five years before moving to Wollongong City in Australia, playing there for four years. His contract with the club was to run for another year but Fleming joined Fairy Meadow instead.

With 300 games under his belt in the demanding conditions of English soccer, and some 100 games in Australia (and six goals in the NSL) Fleming has left his mark on our game as a player.

His ambition as a coach is to be as successful as he was playing football. His desire to coach an NSL outfit may come sooner than



● Fairy Meadow, back row: Reg Chilby, Glen Fontana, Warwick Young, Maurizio Montecchi, Larry Berringer. Front row: Stephen Bradley.

expected should Fairy Meadow win the State League title, but with this kind of success in his first year of coaching one wouldn't be surprised if other offers are on the way.

"I have always enjoyed football for without enjoyment there is no success. I feel that the same applies to coaching. Sure, we feel the loss, but analysing games, being able to remedy situations, improve our style and still continue to enjoy the game is what all this is about," said Fleming.



● Fairy Meadow's Italian players, Maurizio Montecchi, Roberto Giraldi.

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loss against Sutherland. The players returned to the state of their dressing in. Fleming was the first to say: 'I am today, we were flat against Sutherland. The state of the referee is awful, just a simple (sigh), I know.'

teaching pleasant and as a young coach can an apologetic manner. The team played. He is a bit of a simple (sigh), I know.'



connection. From left: Gerald, Jock Morlando,

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# 17 years on and an NSL berth awaits

By  
**ALEX VESIC**

The success story of this year's NSW State League, Fairy Meadow, has taken almost everybody by surprise even its most ardent supporters.

Leading the state's premier league with the likes of Melita, Canterbury, Manly and Sutherland in tow, was an unexpected but pleasant surprise to the football follower from the South Coast.

But not everyone was surprised.

John Fleming, Fairy Meadow's player coach, claimed earlier this season that although he does not have a team of world beaters, he had a side which would give most big names in State League the shock of their lives.

Indeed, the side performed near miracles in its first ever State League run to lead the table, leaving more favoured teams well behind.

With five rounds to go (before last weekend) the side still is on top and looks set to take the title. Still, it is wiser to talk of the title after the event, so let's look at the way this small club has climbed the path to success.

Some 17 years ago, a club by the name of Inter United was formed by the Fraternity Social Club, which had been formed by Italian settlers on the South Coast. Its first forerunner knew no boundaries and the formation of a soccer club

was just an extension of its affinity towards the game.

The name Inter United was chosen to honor one of the most successful Italian clubs, Inter Milan.

But the name had an ethnic base and the Illawarra Soccer Association simply vetoed its application for inclusion in the local competition. The answer was simple — change the name. So rather than lose the chance of having a soccer outfit, Inter was changed to Fairy Meadow and the side was included in the Illawarra Soccer Association Second Division competition in 1969. It finished second last.

The Fraternity Social Club had made it known then that its backing for the football team would continue as most of its players were Italian and were members of the social club.

For those who care to travel down memory lane, let's look at some of the names which

have been involved with the football team in its earliest days:

Frank Saladino, Frank Saladino junior (present club President), Mick Browbank, Nick Cristofaro, Sammy D'Amico, Sergio Lapellin, Nick Gigliotti, Luigi Ingezzio, Alonzo Liberte, Dom Raschilla, John Raschilla, Luigi Scrimin, Jim Ferra, Sergio Biondino, Ross Zalfonatto, Camdi Panzaro, Elbio Larossa and Tony Larossa.

The success story of Meadow started only two years after its formation, when it won the Second Division premiership.

Then came a lull in its trophy collection before success after success elevated the side to the NSW State League.

Let's look at the long list of successes of this small club from the South Coast:

• 1971 — Second division premier — Illawarra.

• 1977 — Minor premier and Grand Finalist — Premier League.

• 1979 — Minor premier and champion — Premier League.

• 1980 — Minor premiers and Grand Finalist — Premier League.

• 1981 — Champion Sydney's First Division.

• 1982 — Champion Sydney's First Division.

• 1983 — Umbro Shield winner.

• 1983 — Semi-finalist Sydney State League Second Division.

• 1984 — Premier Sydney State League Second Division.

This last success carried Fairy Meadow into the NSW Skypack State League.

Its reserve grade side has won three Minor Premierships and three championships since 1973, while its youth brigade won the Premier League Cup in 1977, 1978 and 1979 and was champion in the State League second division in 1982, finishing in the top four in 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.

There is no secret formula to Fairy Meadow's success. It is the club's policy to keep its players happy and in return results have been rewarding to say the least. Fairy Meadow players seldom leave.

This kind of loyalty exists all the field too. Officials and supporters of the club are just as devoted to their 'caicio'. Two weeks ago I was at Seymour Shaw to see Fairy Meadow suffer only its second defeat of the season but I found a very strong support for the visitors — something unusual for State League clubs.

## The season so far...

Six wins, one draw in seven outings at home; five wins, two draws and two losses away from home — this is the fairy tale record Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League before last weekend's game.

Let's have a match-by-match description of the club's first ever season in State League:

**Round 1:** Manly Warringah (at home) 1-0. Micky Richardson was the scorer of the opening goal of the season. Micky may not have scored a more important goal. This was the start the home side wanted.

**Round 2:** Kuringai (away) 0-2. According to the report received from Paul Goodwin, the visitors at least deserved a point, missing chances galore.

**Round 3:** Rockdale Ilinden (home) 3-0. If ever a result sent those shock waves through State League circles this was it! Last year's Grand Final winner was humbled at Corrimal. Mowbray, Fontana and Gerardi were the scorers in a game which was as one-sided as the result suggests despite the huge following Ilinden had on the terraces.

**Round 4:** Canterbury (away) 2-2. Glen Fontana grabbed both goals at Arlington to give the visitors a point but Canterbury considered its point a luxury after a disappointing performance.

**Round 5:** Melita Eagles (away) 0-0. Certainly the shock of the season at least for the men of Melita Eagles. Melita had scored 14 goals in the previous four rounds and to be contained the way it was against Fairy Meadow was a shock to the system.

**Round 6:** Narrabeen (home) 3-1. Phil Mowbray collected two goals and Richard Piel added another as the home side stroled to an easy victory. This was to be the start of nine successive victories, a run that netted Fairy Meadow 18 points, a 15-3 goal difference, and a firm grip on top spot.

**Round 7:** Polonia (away) 2-0. Steve Baker and Larry Berringer were on the mark as Fairy Meadow disposed of Polonia at Chopin Park.

**Round 8:** Avala (home) 1-0. A tight match with a Phil Mowbray goal dividing the two sides at the end of the game.

**Round 9:** Uruguay (away) 1-0. Steve Baker, regarded as the side's most dangerous forward, provided the goal which sunk Uruguay at Mona Park.

**Round 10:** Bankstown (away) 2-1. Reg Chibby and Jock Morlando, the backline duo, came to the fore in this match to make sure of the points. This only serves to emphasize that any team member is capable of getting onto the scoring sheet.

**Round 11:** Manly (away) 1-0. Meadow completed the double over Manly Warringah with a well deserved victory at Cromer Park. All plans to see this South Coast side start its slide were dashed after Larry Berringer scored for the visitors.

**Round 12:** Sutherland (home) 3-1. This was one time that I believed that the visitors could cause an upset but Sutherland hardly got into the game, losing by a clear margin. Glen Fontana, Richard Piel and Jock Morlando scored for Meadow.

**Round 13:** Rockdale Ilinden (away) 1-0. With Ross Brown and a number of last year's big guns back in operation it was expected that Ilinden would down Meadow. However, despite its territorial advantage, Ilinden could not penetrate, losing to the side from the South Coast by the narrowest of margins. Steve Baker was the scorer.

**Round 14:** Kuringai (home) 1-0. Jock Morlando scored from the penalty spot, giving the home side this much-needed two pointer in a game which was to decide the layout of the top five teams.

**Round 15:** Canterbury (home) 0-0. This game produced more chances than the previous six at home for Fairy Meadow but Chris Hummell and Canterbury went home with a point!

**Round 16:** Sutherland (away) 0-2. For the first time this year Fairy Meadow looked pale and unsettled and succumbed to strong and efficient finishing by the home side.



• Micky White, about to turn past an opponent.

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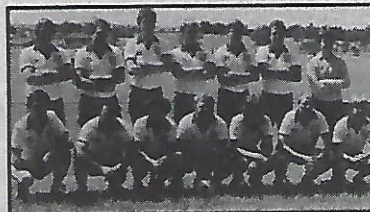


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We have invited Les Murray of 'SBS' with George Donikian and also invited the Prime Minister, on whose answer we are still waiting. The police band will provide the entertainment and 'SBS' will be telecasting the final on the 8th December. This is the last event of the Victorian 150th birthday celebrations and all players will be covered by insurance, but at this stage a standard cover only. We advise players if they want extra cover to take it out themselves.

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# McGorian returns; what happened to Kebede?

"I don't think we're ready for the NSL just yet."

That's not Croydon player-coach Peter Orlerton taking his Springvale "Messiah", Bobby McLachlan, joking about the amazing run his team has enjoyed since he took over, a run which almost has ensured that the Vales will live to fight another State League day.

Springvale beat Polonia earlier this year and Polonia's recent goal drought suggests that Springvale can at least grab a draw from Saturday's Ross Reserve encounter.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Polonia star Stefan Mila, finds out today (Wednesday) whether or not he'll need an operation on his injured knee. He's seeing his third specialist who has told Mila that there's only a slim chance that the surgeon's knife will be needed.

Knox City continued its brave fight against relegation by drawing with Polonia last weekend but against Croydon at Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday its hopes appear dim.

St Albans Dinamo put in a shocker last weekend according to coach Tony Vrzina but Dinamo is capable of making

Frankston Pines fight every inch of the way when they clash at Churchill Reserve on Saturday. Pines striker Ally Dick scored four goals in the reserves 6-2 win over Ringwood. Wilhelmina last Saturday and must come into contention for a spot in the firsts this weekend.

Mick McGorian is back after suspension for Morwell's match against Fawkner at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday. McGorian will replace midfielder John O'Callaghan, who is on suspended.

Rumor has it that Pepe Ca-

trassi's coaching stint at Fawkner is up in the air and there's talk that experienced Peter Boyle could be asked to take over on a caretaker basis for the remainder of the season.

You'll probably be as surprised as I am to learn that three State League games will be played on Sunday, despite the big international clash at Olympic Park No. 1. I'm told that it's "because of soccer pools" that Sunday's games can't be switched to Saturday, which doesn't make sense to me. What's the problem with playing three State League games on Saturday even if they don't figure in soccer pools?

Box Hill clashes with bottom-of-the-table Albion Turk Gucu at Wembley Park on Sunday in a game vital to the home side's top four hopes and, of course, Albion's fight to avoid the drop. From all accounts, Albion Turk Gucu has played well enough to pick up points at late, so the Hillmen won't find this an easy task. Incidentally, Albion has five games at home and two away in the run-in to the season's end, so don't discount its chances of escaping relegation just yet.

Steve Kakantonis was sent off against Croydon last Sunday so he'll miss Sunday's

clash at Ralph Reserve between Morwell Falcons and Northcote. I'm going for a draw here, provided the Northcote midfield functions as well as it did against Dinamo last weekend.

Ringwood Wilhelmina also can pick up a point from its trip to Partridge Reserve on Sunday to take on Thomastown. Sisyse Kebede didn't turn up for Wilhelmina's loss to Pines last Saturday so he must be a doubtful starter for the Thomastown game.

Here are this weekend's games, with likely winners in capitals.

**SATURDAY**  
MORWELL FALCONS v Fawkner at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.  
Springvale City v Polonia (draw) at Ross Reserve, 3pm.  
Knox City v Croydon City at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.

St Albans Dinamo v Frankston Pines (draw) at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.  
**SUNDAY**  
BOX HILL v Albion Turk Gucu at Wembley Park, 3pm.  
Western Suburbs v Northcote (draw) at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.  
Thomastown v Ringwood Wilhelmina (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

Buffalo State League standings					
	W	D	L	F	A
CROYDON CITY	13	5	1	39	10
MORWELL FALCONS	11	4	4	36	17
BOX HILL	10	5	4	33	24
F'STON PINES	9	6	4	34	24
Polonia	8	6	5	31	20
West. Suburbs	8	5	6	26	21
Fawkner	6	7	3	26	18
Thomastown	6	8	2	22	17
Springvale City	6	4	9	18	26
Northcote	5	6	8	29	26
Wilhelmina	4	5	10	18	32
St Albans Dinamo	5	3	11	24	40
Knox City	4	5	10	11	34
Albion Turk Gucu	4	3	12	13	32

**FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Cooke penalty 37th, Webster 66th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.**

FRANKSTON PINES: Beamsish 7 — Cumming 6, Thurlow 7, Cullen 7, Watson 6 — Cooke 7, Ross 7, Miller 7 — Hennessy 7, Desbois 83rd; Webster 8. Armstrong 6 (Fenton 68th) Coach: Denny McMeine.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasmas 7 — Haupt 7, Murray 6, Corke 6, Shannon 6 — Storm 5, M. Bakker 7, Burton 8 — Myholt 7, Thompson 5, Stewart 6. Coach: Car Tevau.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Webster (PI), 2. Burton (RW), 1. Ross (FP).

**ALBION TURK GUCU 0 MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Stirton 10th, Moore penalty 85th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.**

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 7 — Reilly 7, Jovicki 6, Gilmer 6, Douglas 7 — Price 6, T. Last 6, Alfonso 5, Bennett 8 — Price 7, Guit 6, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 9 — Bingham 6, Brune 6, Tull 7, Train 5 — O'Callaghan 6, Moore 5, MacLean 7, Cassar 5 — Stirton 7, Athersych 6 (In Wilson 8th) Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Blasby (MF), 2. Bennett (AB), 1. Reilly (ALB).

**NORTHCOTE 2 (P. Constantinou 40th, Patsakos 54th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.**

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Kouremenos 6, Bozakis 7, Cutler 7, P. Constantinou 7 — Tonto 7, Wilson 6, Moschidis 5 (Jasits H.T. 7) — Patsakos 7, Patsakos 7, P. Constantinou 7 — Katsaris 4 (Bruno 75th) Bekajovic 6, Ramiak 7, S. Gijgo 4 (Rassovic 65th) — Batinovic 6, Culina 6, Pozar 5, Deac 5 — Kuna 5, Mardic 6.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Wilson (N), 2. Cutler (N), 1. Tonto (N).

**CROYDON 3 (French 43rd, 70th, Livingstone 65th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (McGuinness penalty 25th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.**

CROYDON: Livingstone 7 — Brown 7, Sijveling 7, O'hilly 7, Tandy 8, Taylor 8, Kerr 6 (Brewerton 70th), Beech 7 — Blygas 8, French 8, Livingstone 7. Coach: Peter Orlerton.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolides 6 — Beebe 8, Espinoza 7 (In Howe 65th), Espinoza 7, Hamill 6 — K. Coyle 6, Kakantonis (pen off 25th), Parnisakos 6, Gaudin 7, Tuck 7, Stenson 7, McGuinness 7. Coach: Jimmy Collins.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. French (C), 2. Beech (WS), 1. Tandy (C).

**FAWKNER 1 (Cavallari 60th) SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Bannon 20th, Nelson 36th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

FAWKNER: Terenzi 5 — Schipano 6, Macleod 7, Fattore 6, Hobson 7, Argente 7, Gungler 6, Cavallari 6 (Chavoni 65th) — Palakias 5, Cicaloni 5, Mancini 5, G. C. P. Coach: Peter Carrasco.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry 10 — Vogel 7, Adams 7, Luyten 7, Matthews 7, Bannon 7, Bentley 7, Luca 6 — O'Amico 7, Nelson 8, Campbell 6 (Garvey H.T. 6) — Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Nelson (SI), 2. Bannon (SI), 1. Bentley (SI).

**POLONIA 0 KNOX CITY 0 at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

POLONIA: Tobolski 7 — Leparski 7, Innes 7, Smolarek 7, Little 8, Gibson 9, Avian 7, Stojekovic 6 — Przytyla 6, Warszawski 6, Gregorczuk 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

KNOX CITY: Murtu 7 — Loy 5, Say 7, Bissinger 8, Tunstall 7, Rodde 6, Smith 5 (Lucas 54th H.T. 5), Pate 6, Underwood 6 — G. Bakker 6, Wild 6, Turner 7 (Phillips 75th), Coach: Duncan Smith.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Gibson (PI), 2. Little (PI), 1. Bissinger (K).

**BOX HILL 2 (Lawler 23rd, 43rd) THOMASTOWN 1 (Lakic penalty 60th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.**

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — McPhee 7, Davidson 7, McMillan 7, A. Roodhouse 7, Azopov 7, I. Roodhouse 7, Hughes 7, White 6 — Lawler 8, A. Humble 7. Coach: Tom Newbigen (caretaker).

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 — Di Berardino 6, Cosentino 9, Smale 6, Injoraci 8, N. Cosentino 7, Lakic 7, Comar 6, B. Coyle 7 — Faherty 6 (Ani, Terenci 5th) 7, Balier 6, Coach: Joe Wilson.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Cosentino (T), 2. Lawler (BH), 1. Hughes (BH).

**SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD**

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Leading votegetters: 523 — Webster (Pines), Cosentino (Thomastown)

22 — Adams (Springvale)

18 — Livingstone (Croydon), Knox City (Dinamo)

17 — Hughes (Box Hill)

16 — Bissinger (Knox), Gibson (Polonia)

14 — MacLean (Morwell), Espoisto (Suburbs), Haupt (Wilhelmina)

13 — Beech (Croydon), Cooke (Pines)

12 — Wilson (Northcote), McGuinness, Dimovski (Suburbs), Burton (Wilhelmina)

11 — McMillan (Box Hill), Voyle (Fawkner), Bannon (Springvale)

10 — Harrison (Box Hill), Quigley (Fawkner), Athersych (Thomastown), Stenson (Suburbs)

9 — Patsakos (Northcote), Nelson (Springvale), Culina (Dinamo)

8 — Cozzella (Fawkner), Lakic (Thomastown)

7 — Morovic (Dinamo), Stirton (Morwell), Flaherty (Thomastown)

6 — Patsakos (Northcote), Nelson (Springvale), Culina (Dinamo)

5 — Webster (Pines)

**VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD**

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers:

15 — French (Croydon), Thomas (Pines), Athersych (Morwell)

13 — A. Humble (Box Hill)

11 — Warszawa (Polonia), McGuinness (Suburbs)

10 — P. P. Constantinou (Northcote)

9 — Webster (Pines)

## Relegation a worry for Wilhelmina

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

F'ston Pines 2  
R. Wilhelmina 0

Scorers: Cooke penalty 37th, Webster 66th.

Venue: Monterey Reserve.

The threat of relegation still hangs over the heads of Ringwood Wilhelmina after this clash which consolidated Frankston Pines' top four hopes.

The match was scrappy early and Pines beat chance off the opening 30 minutes fell to Richie Armstrong, deputising for leading scorer Ray Thomas, sidelined with the flu. Pines, Irish import, Paul Hennessy, laid the ball off for Armstrong whose shot was cleared by the sliding Kees Storm, about four metres off the Wilhelmina line.

The game came alive in the 37th minute when a fine first time ball by Hennessy sent Richie Armstrong clear on the left. He played the ball into Stan Webster, inside the Wilhelmina stopper Fred Murray. Referee John Jokovic pointed to the penalty spot and Paul Cooke sent Charlie Kasimas the wrong way to open the scoring.

Three minutes before the interval, Wilhelmina could have levelled. Mark Bakker

got down the left and sent over a superb far post cross. Kenny Stewart got too far over the ball, volleying down into the ground about five metres from the Pines goal. The ball bounced up and was headed wide by Graham Warton, allowing Pines' goalie David Beamsish to come off his line and gather safely.

Barry Burton, as ever a tireless worker for Wilhelmina in midfield, sent a fine ball through ball to Grant Thompson in the 48th minute. Thompson wound up for a shot, delayed, and his shooting angle was blocked. He played the ball back to Bakker who touched it off for John Nyholt whose shot was deflected out. From the ensuing corner, Storm rose well at the far post only to see his header strike the post then scrambled clear off the line.

Six minutes later, Webster struck, and Wilhelmina was in trouble. The ball was played through to Jimmy Ross who was tackled by Paul Corke. The ball ran loose to Webster who cut inside, calmly rounded the advancing Kasimas, and struck his shot into goal to make it 2-0.

Wilhelmina created the best two chances of the last 10 minutes. In the 88th minute, Nyholt, who played to effect in a more central striking role in the second half, turned superbly inside the Pines area and

struck a firm shot which Beamsish did well to save at the near post.

With two minutes to go, Burton played the ball to Nyholt whose shot was saved by Beamsish's legs.

There wasn't a great deal between these sides in a match which never reached great heights.

Hennessy was taken off in the 83rd minute, giving Pines' youngster Terry Desbois a taste of State League soccer.

The feature of Hennessy's display was his disposal and as he grows in confidence, no doubt he'll start to run at opposing defenders more. In time, he could prove to be a valuable acquisition.

From there on it was Croydon's class and grit against Suburbs' grit. There could only be one winner in those circumstances.

With minutes left in the half, Graham French smashed home the equaliser with a right foot volley following a Jim Tansey free kick. And in

most occasions, McGuinness, in the 25th minute, did not fluff his first try though, engineering a penalty, and putting his side ahead with a well placed spot kick.

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## NUNAWADING CRUSHES SUNBURY

SUNBURY UTD 1 (Maganano 78th) NUNAWADING CITY 5 (Mullett 22nd, 72nd, C. Middlemast 48th, 76th, Deane 85th).

Victorian First Division match at Langama Park, Saturday.

SUNBURY UTD: Paton, Skinner, Kremers, Blackley, D. Baran, Campbell, Twine, Gieschen, Casterson, Maganano, Traikowski (Lewin 52nd) Coach: Mike Lyn.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjler, Brown, Deane, Remmers, Moyle, Greenwald, Mullett, Paps, Roggero, Pate (T. Middlemast 85th), C. Middlemast Coach: Peter Nelson.

Nunawading City turned a one goal lead at half time into four with some clinical finishing in the second half.

Sunbury probably had more of the play territorially, but the Nunawading defence was in fine form, with Madjler in great touch in goal.

After Sunbury had made most of the early running, and Madjler had made three reflex saves, Nunawading took the lead in the 22nd minute. Chris

Middlemast rose high to beat Kremers in the air and Mullett's shot looped over Paton into the far corner of the net.

Nunawading struck a fatal blow when it went further ahead just after the break. Paps got to the byline and his cross gave Middlemast a simple chance from six metres.

Nunawading put the game beyond doubt with two goals in four minutes. In the 72nd minute, a short cross by Greenwald was dummed by Middlemast and Mullett scored from close range.

Then came the best goal of the match. Middlemast received from Paps 40 metres from goal, outpaced two defenders, cut inside and hit an unstoppable left footed drive into the corner of the net.

Two minutes later, Sunbury got a consolation when Remmers, who otherwise had a good game, misread the bounce of the ball and let in Maganano for an easy goal.

The four goal difference was restored five minutes from

time when Deane met a right wing corner from Roggero and scored with a near spot header.

ELTHAM 1 (Schipano 48th) BELL PARK 1 (Mills 75th). Victorian Second Division match at Nth. Eltham, Saturday.

ELTHAM: Carey 7, Bonnici 8, M. Cirks 7, Cochran 7, Banicares 8, Woodward 6, Moulas 7, P. Cirks 7, Owens 7, Schipano 7, Norton 7.

BELL PARK: Vanjeik 5, McNailage 7, Rhodes 7, Train 7, Tutone 8, Smilevski 7, Wattors 8, Mills 8, Bond 7, Banagan 7, Gaspard 7.

Eltham and Bell Park struggled through the mud to a 1-1 draw at Nth. Eltham.

There was no score after a full first half.

Schipano headed in a Davy Norton cross three minutes into the second half. Mills

equalised after 75 minutes following a poor clearance by the home defence after a corner.

Murray Owens, 16, recently signed from Nunawading, netted a good debut for Eltham.

**SOUTH DANDENONG 3 (Contreras 1st, 54th, Presta 34th) SOUTH YARRA 2 (Davey 28th, 77th). Provisional Second Division match at Sth Dandenong, Saturday.**

SOUTH DANDENONG: Bravo, Romero, Ramos, Jimenez, Almaraz, Saldrigas (CD 67th) Contreras, Angulo, Presta, Castillo, Hernandez.

SOUTH YARRA: Johnson, Watson (Hodgson 64th), Murdoch, Humphries, Clegg, Hughes, Di Marchi, Hopkins, Bosworth, Davey, Bulesink.

The home side's largest crowd of the season, vocal and

good-humored, urged on its team to its third consecutive win — a game that should have been won more convincingly.

A goalkeeper infringement gave the Dandenong team a one minute lead. Contreras's free kick finding the net over the "wall".

A quick break and Davey's equalizer was well deserved.

An inch perfect through pass from Contreras and Presta rounded Johnson to set the home side ahead again.

Nine minutes after the interval, Contreras shot on the run to increase the lead.

A dominant South Dandenong, minus a few frills, should and could have capitalized on its two goal advantage but Davey's second goal from a goalmouth scramble brought the home team down to earth.



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## Skypack State League Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAIRY MEADOW.....	12	3	2	23	9	27
CANTERBURY.....	10	4	3	35	17	24
SUTHERLAND.....	9	5	3	31	13	23
MELITA EAGLES.....	9	4	4	31	16	22
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	7	5	4	22	16	19
Avala.....	6	6	5	20	16	18
Rockdale Ilinden.....	6	5	5	23	15	17
Manly Warringah.....	4	6	6	15	17	14
Narrabeen.....	2	5	9	13	34	9
Uruguay.....	1	6	9	8	22	8
Polonia.....	3	2	11	17	42	8
Bankstown.....	2	3	10	10	31	7

## THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday Sutherland v Ku-Ring-Gai at Seymour Shaw Bankstown v Polonia at Jensen Park, Narrabeen v Manly at Narrabeen Sports Centre.

Sunday, Narrabeen v Fairy Meadow at Narrabeen S.C., Melita Eagles v Manly at Melita Stadium, Canterbury v Rockdale Ilinden at Arlington, Polonia v Uruguay at Chopin Park, Avala v Bankstown at Knights Park.

## LEADING SCORERS

10 — Allan (ME), Brown (RI)  
7 — Douinis, Borges, Kirwan (CM)  
6 — Anagnostopoulos (CM), Walker (ME), Pop (P), Gray (S)  
5 — Fontana (FM), Sutherland (K), Janic (P), DalForno, Beggs (S)

**KURINGAI 1 (Nile 16th) CANTERBURY 2 (Kirwan 19th, Borges 36th) at Parklands.**

KURINGAI Lacey 6 — Kevens 5, Bertram 8, Watson 8, Goldsmith 8 — Sutherland 6, Ellem 5 (63rd Bennett 6), Dene 6 (Williamson 71st), Brockbank 7 — Nile 8, Bass 7.

**CANTERBURY** Hummel 9 — Karasios 5, Radman 8, Pena 7, Hantzis 8 — Hormazabal 6, Anagnostopoulos 7, Ortega 6 (70 Kallagos), Borges 8 — Silva 6, Kirwan 7.

**MANLY WARRINGAH 0 SUTHERLAND 2 (Harrington 4th, Hall 27th) at Cromer Park.**

MANLY Barker 6 — Gogic 6, Dick 8, Pagano 7, Jebraell 7 — Etherington 7, Vale 5 (Dennis 46th), Pearce 6 (Baumgartner 57th 6) — Stuart 6, Williamson 6, Holloway 7.

**SUTHERLAND** Burrows 8 — Schumann 7, DalForno 8, Burrows 8, Terry 6 (Hesford 46th 7) — Webber 8 (Johnson 47th 7), Meades 6, Harrington 8, Rogers 6 — Beggs 7, Hall 7.

**AVALA 0 Polonia 3 (Pop 22nd, 75th, Janic 65th) at Knights Park.**

AVALA Vukas 6 — Jordan 7, Divani 7, Lembrink 7, Pratt 7 — Anderson 6, Atlagic 6, Murray 5, Carney 8 — Jeffery 5, Martinez 5 (62nd Gootie).

**POLONIA** 5 — Anderson 8 — Quinn 7 (62nd Falzon), Lasek 8, Vujinovic 9, Geeke 7 — Dryz 8, Sobczyk 8, Mahamah 7 (69th Kodori) — Janic 7, Pop 8, Bratkovic 7.

**URUGUAY 1 (Hasty pen. 86th) NARRABEEN 1 (Van Helden 37th) at Mona Park.**

URUGUAY Resano 7 — Polladoso 6, Hasty 7, Kralovic 8, Perez 5 — Fernandez 7, Verda 5 (Nano 57th 7), Benitez 7, Arabelo 6 (Carrizosa 65th 7) — Rixas 6, O'Shane 6.

**NARRABEEN** P Dean 8 — Hanley 6, Jones 7, Watt 6, Parfitt 6 — Griffin 5, Collins 5, A Dean 7, Van Helden 6 — Sandtner 5, Nacinovic 5 (69th Palomera).

**BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Slaveski 10th, Blackburn 22nd) at Jensen Park.**

BANKSTOWN unavailable.  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN Kozahambos 7 — Blackburn 7, Plovski 9, Forester 7, J Wilson 8 — Slaveski 8, D Wilson 6, Pappas 7, Palegaines 7 — Brown 6, Boates 6.

**FAIRY MEADOW 2 (Morlando 10th, Fontana 42nd) MELITA EAGLES 0 at Corimal.**

FAIRY MEADOW Young 7 — Chilly 7, Berringer 7, Jones 8, Morlando 7 — Pel 7, White 46th 8, Mowbray 7, Richardson 7, Bradley 8 — Gerale 6, Fontana 7.  
MELITA EAGLES Mullin 7 — Lzing 8, McCoy 7, Wilson 7, O'Rourke 5, 46th, Callinan 6 — Davies 6, Farrugia 8, McAusland 6, Griffiths 5 — Walker 5, Allan 5.

# Eagles wings are clipped, Polonia shocks Avala

NSW State League  
with ALEX VESIC



The race for the title in NSW has taken a new twist as Melita Eagles were dumped unceremoniously at Corimal by the robust and uncompromising Fairy Meadow, while Sutherland and Canterbury won to keep within reach of the leader.

Fairy Meadow seems to defy the odds and consistently has made a mockery of the criticism it has received from coaches of opposing sides, criticism which all too often sounds like sour grapes.

Fairy Meadow coach John Fleming is not overly concerned about comments regarding his side. "It is easy to criticise, but difficult to create. I feel that we have done a great job at the club and we are proud with the success achieved so far."

Melita was beaten for the fourth time this year, and for the second time in the last four weeks.

Avala is another outfit which aimed high but came down to earth with a thud. Polonia, sporting a number of Avala's discarded players from last season, trounced Avala at Knights Park in its battle to avoid relegation.

## Manly Warr 0 Sutherland 2

At Cromer Park.  
Scorers: Harrington 4th, Hall 27th.

Sutherland scored its third straight victory in its challenge for the title. Good management early in the game netted the visitors the goals which mattered but the hero of the side was young goalkeeper, Craig Burckmore.

Only 17, Burckmore showed exceptional reflexes as well as bravery to dive at the feet of Wayne Pearce in the 57th, then repeated the effort with John Dick faced with what looked a certain goal in the 75th minute. The unfortunate Pearce was carried off with a suspec-

ted fracture following the incident in the 57th. There was also no joy for Dick who combined with Ross Etherington to elude Sutherland's defence and face Burckmore. The youngster came out and dived at Dick's feet to save.

Despite taking the points, the visitors showed lapses of concentration which could have cost them dearly. It was all fun and games during the first period for Sutherland as its players attacked with enthusiasm and confidence. Mark Harrington scored from point blank range in the fourth minute after three Sutherland players headed the ball following a corner kick, then Craig Hall got on the end of a fine cross by Craig Rogers in the 27th to head past Ian Barker.

Towards the end Mark Holloway was carried off after an unfortunate clash and Manly finished the match with 10 players. With six local juniors already in the side, Manly looks destined to finish the season with as many as eight locals, after starting the season choked with stars who promised so much yet delivered very little.

As for the Sharks, it must be said their first 45 minutes was satisfactory but following the replacement of Jimmy Webber in the opening minutes of the first half the side seemed to lose control in the middle of the park.

## Avala 0 Polonia 3

At Knights Park.  
Scorers: Pop 22nd, 75th, Janic 65th.

Gujo Vujinovic, an ex-Avala player, spearheaded Polonia's unexpected win. For Avala's supporters, this loss was as great blow. Not only did the side lose the points but also its chance of getting into the top four.

Avala spared no expense to try and succeed this year and some of last year's players were rejected in a bid to improve the side's chances.

Mahamah, Bratkovic, Vujinovic and Kodori were amongst those who were given the shove, yet last Sunday these four were instrumental in Polonia's success.

Vujinovic was the difference between a win and a loss during the period when Avala looked set to score. Steve Anderson was great in goal for Polonia while Lasek endorsed Polonia's battle for survival in earnest by supporting Vujinovic well. Quin Chau gave Martinez no room while Geeke was safe and sure.

It then was left to that stylish poacher Andrej Pop to finish it off. He started the rot by scoring in the 22nd then in came Micky Bratkovic, who split Avala's defence on two occasions, to deliver a telling pass from which Stefan Janic scored in the 65th, then Andrej Pop in the 75th.

## Kuringai 1 Canterbury 2

At Parklands Oval.  
Scorers: Nile 16th (K)'s Kirwan 19th, Borges 36th (C).

An entertaining game at Parklands showed the same scoreline at the end as it did at Arlington earlier this year with Canterbury getting revenge for the one-goal loss at its home ground.

Kuringai went ahead in the 16th minute after Brockbank found Bass on the right hand side and the subsequent cross found Mark Nile who drove the ball past Chris Hummel.

Canterbury came back through Paul Kirwan. A free kick 40 metres out to Canterbury was taken by Carlos Ortega. With players rushing forward, Ortega sent his cross to the far post for Kirwan to run on to and score with a great header.

Spiro Hantzis exchanged passes with Kirwan in the 27th before crossing for Nelio Borges to run onto the ball and head past Lacey.

Kuringai came forward in droves in the closing stages looking for an equaliser but Canterbury was equal to the task with Hummel, Radman and Hantzis leading the defence.

With this win Canterbury has kept its three point distance from leader Fairy Meadow. Canterbury now has won nine of its past 10 matches and conceded only three goals in 11 games — all without a loss.

Canterbury coach Raul Blanco certainly has created a disciplined side and it deserved the points here.

## Uruguay 1 Narrabeen 1

At Mona Park.  
Scorers: Hasty penalty 86th (U); Van Helden 37th (N).

Warrington's Narrabeen sweeper Roy Jones played an exceptionally fine game for 85 minutes to spearhead his side to near victory at Mona Park, then threw it all away with a poor clearance and a subsequent tackle which brought about a penalty to Uruguay.

Narrabeen was 1-0 up after 37 minutes following a corner. Van Helden latched onto the ball inside the area to hammer the ball past Rosano. Only three minutes later, Alan Dean rose high to head a great goal but Ken Small chalked it off, indicating that Dean had fouled someone in his attempt to head the ball.

Narrabeen looked set to win until Carrizzo and Nario came into the game. They transformed their side and created a few openings.

The goal came when Jones took a goalkick, stubbed the ground before he touched the ball and it rolled straight to the feet of a Uruguay player on the edge of the area. In attempting to rectify his mistake, Jones ran to tackle Rodas and made a mess of the whole thing by bringing Rodas down just inside the area.

Hasty scored from the resultant Penalty and the sides were locked at 1-1. Then, with seconds remaining, Uruguay hit the woodwork much to the chagrin of some 600 supporters at Mona Park.

## Fairy Meadow 2 Melita Eagles 0

At Corimal Park.  
Scorers: Morlando 10th, Fontana 42nd.

Drinks were on the house at the Fraternity Club last Sunday night following Fairy Meadow's 2-0 win over pre-season title favourites Melita Eagles.

Jock Morlando and Giken Fontana, "the Italian connection" made the difference with Morlando scoring after 10 minutes.

A free kick about 40 metres out was taken by Chilly. With all the players rushing to the near Post for the chip, Chilly fired his cross to the far Post for Morlando to race in, unattended, and score.

With minutes remaining in this half, Roberto Galdi went down the right flank, deceiving O'Rourke, before curling in his cross for Fontana to fire in an unstoppable shot.

Meadow, with two goals to its credit, hardly could be blamed for easing the tempo in the second half. Obviously content with the lead, Meadow failed to attack with the same venom during the second period but still managed to create a few openings.

## Bankstown 0 Rockdale 2

At Jensen Park.  
Scorers: Slaveski 10th, Blackburn 22nd.

For the first 40 minutes there only was one side on the Park. Rockdale Ilinden played with enthusiasm and authority to score two goals and suggest that Bankstown was in for a hammering.

Kenny Slaveski beat a couple of players early in the piece then unleashed a powerful drive well out of the reach of Don Smith to give Ilinden its lead, then Steve Blackburn added to the score after a melee developed inside the area following a free kick.

Bankstown came back in the last five minutes of this half and looked set to narrow the gap but for some good saves by Nick Kotzohambos.

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**CLAUDIO GONZALEZ interviews two of the National League's brightest young stars — Angie Postecoglou, 19, of South Melbourne Hellas, and George Petrov, 20, of Preston Makedonia...**

## Kalantzis, Bundalo kingpins

**Q. How old were you when you first played soccer?**  
POSTECOGLU 10 years.

**Q. What are your thoughts about the Australian youth squad?**  
POSTECOGLU I have been to only one youth camp, so I still don't know many of the boys. But of what I have seen, they are a good bunch of lads with good skills, and if we get it all together in Russia we should do well.

**Q. Are there any key players in the squad — any who could dominate?**

POSTECOGLU I believe all our players have a chance to really show themselves, but I believe our key players would have to be Chris Kalantzis, Alex Bundalo and possibly Mirko Runje. Given a chance all the players will show a high standard of football.

**Q. What do you think of the Greek dominance in the side?**  
POSTECOGLU It doesn't really affect me in any way and if many of the players in the squad happen to be Greeks, well that's that.

**Q. What do you think of the standard of soccer in the National League?**

POSTECOGLU The stan-

dard in the NSL is high and a lot is expected from you. There are no easy games. I was really impressed when I first started to play for Hellas, because of the speed of the games.

**Q. Where do you think Hellas will finish on the ladder?**  
POSTECOGLU Hellas should win the league. Some of our top players have been out because of injuries but we should also be together again in the finals.

**Q. You're the youngest player in the Hellas side. Do you feel extra pressure because you're the youngest?**

POSTECOGLU No. I think that any pressure on me is of my own doing. For example, if I make a mistake on the ground, it is my fault and it is not because of pressure from others. That is why you must concentrate all the time.

**Q. Which players have been your toughest opponents this year?**

POSTECOGLU I don't think there has been a player who has stood out as a really tough opponent. I believe all players in the National League are tough to play against. If I



• Angie Postecoglou

had to choose the toughest it would have to be Charlie Egan at training.

**Q. Who has been the greatest influence on your career?**  
POSTECOGLU I would have to say my father. He has helped me immensely, through the juniors and even now.

**Q. What are your ambitions?**

POSTECOGLU My ambitions would be to do well in Russia. I would also, in time, like to play for the Australian senior team, and then go on to play overseas.



• The Australian under 16 squad, from left, top row: David Barrett full back or midfielder (Sydney Olympic), Damien Butler, centre back (Ipswich Utd), Colin Cooper, striker (Altona City), George Bouhoutsos, goalkeeper (Canterbury-Marickville), AH Catalan, midfielder (Brisbane City), Craig Foster, midfielder (Gonellabah, NSW), Mike Graham, centre back (Walsand), Craig Navan, midfielder (Bayswater, WA), Scott Racey, striker (Bayswater, WA), Anthony Grub, midfielder (Juventus, Vic), Garth Navan, sweeper or midfielder (Bayswater, WA), Robert Runje, sweeper (Mornington), George Jolevski, left back (Fawkner, Vic), Corrado Nobile, goalkeeper (Fawkner), David Scott, full back (Blacktown), Mark Talajic, midfielder (Melb Croasid), Stan Thodis, striker (Heidelberg), Paul Trimball, striker (Brighton, Vic).

A revitalised Australian under 16 team was already rolling up its sleeves for action when it left for the inaugural F I F A World Championship finals in China.

Six members were affected earlier in the week by an attack of influenza but only Victorian striker Stan Thodis still needed treatment before departure.

"Morale is very high and the boys are literally jumping out of their skins," said coach Vic Dalgleish.

## Are our kids world's best?

"They can't wait to get into action and I honestly believe we're capable of going close to winning the tournament."

Australia meets Argentina in the opening round in Tianjin today (Wednesday).

Three games in three days honed the Australians to a

fine pitch after months of ordinary competition.

Just before leaving they won 2-0 against the NSW under 18 side, then drew 1-1 with the Croatia under 19s and finished with a sound 1-0 win over Melita reserve grade team.

The last match was a great win because it was the

first loss for Melita reserves this season," said Dalgleish. Australia will play Zaire on August 2 and West Germany on August 4 with the two leading teams in each of the four groups progressing to the quarter-finals on August 7. The semi's are on August 9 and the final and third place play-off on August 11.

The other groups are: Group A: China, Bolivia, Guinea, USA, Group C: Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Italy, Group D: Qatar, Brazil, Mexico, Hungary.

## Lynn and Murray gave him his chance

**Q. How would you describe your form this year?**

PETROV It's been relatively good, apart from my injuries at the start of the year. Since then I've picked up form and have played a few good games for Makedonia.

**Q. Chris, your brother, represented Victoria in the 70's. Have you been influenced by him at all?**

PETROV Chris has been a great influence on me. He has helped me a great deal. He used to coach me at Kew Park Rangers and was always helpful with tips. He still is a big influence nowadays.

**Q. Is there another person who has helped you the way Chris has?**

PETROV A Number of people have helped me. For example, all my coaches, especially Mick Lynn for giving me a chance to play for Polonia in the State League. Also, Billy Murray now for giving me the opportunity to play in the National League for Preston Makedonia. Just about all



• George Petrov

the coaches who have coached me have been a great influence and have helped me to reach this level.

**Q. How has Makedonia's form been this year?**

PETROV Makedonia suffered a severe slump at the start of the year, but has recently picked up form. I believe the cause for this was be-

cause we were too attack-conscious and we forgot about our defence. At one time we lost six out of eight matches. But we have worked on our defence and have strengthened it. We now hope to win the national championship.

**Q. How would you describe the standard of soccer in the NSL?**

PETROV Soccer in the National League is quite good. It is pacey, but each match varies and you get good ones and bad ones. The standard of soccer in the NSL does not differ greatly from the State League. What does differ is the fitness which is needed in the NSL.

**Q. What do you think of Makedonia as a club?**

PETROV Makedonia is a great, helpful club that has treated me well.

**Q. What are your ambitions?**

PETROV My greatest ambition would be to represent Australia. But now that Makedonia is my club, I would like to play regularly and do well.

## 'RAMBO' BLASTS ALTONA CITY!

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

"All the best to South Melbourne Mordialloc this Saturday. I hope they thump the living daylights out of Altona City who are where they belong in any league — near the bottom of the ladder!"

Melbourne's 22 year old attacking midfielder, Costa Theodosopoulos is jokingly nicknamed "Rambo" by his team mates. Let's hope there's a touch of reality in the nickname. For his sake, at least.

"It got nothing but contempt for the bad apples in Altona City's bunch," said Theodosopoulos, who bristles with anger when reminded of a donnybrook he was involved in at Kim Reserve last year.

As a result of incidents after that match, which ended in a 1-1 draw, Theodosopoulos was called before the VSF tribunal a month later and suspended for four matches.

The tribunal hearing was a joke. No-one else involved in the fights after the game was called up and I only had acted in self defence.

So what actually happened at Kim Reserve last year?

"It all started with a pre-season friendly against Altona. That match got out of hand. Altona was more interested in going for the man rather than the ball and young blokes like Ernie Tapa (now at JUST) and George Traikovski (now at Sunbury) could have got broken legs. We walked off the field in disgust."

Then we went to Kim Reserve to play Altona in the league. The way I saw that game was that we were the more skillful team and Altona's answer was to kick us. There were all sorts of silly tactics then Danny Ward (the Melbourne striker) swore at himself for missing a chance and the ref sent him off. I couldn't believe it. An Altona player was sent off too. The game ended on a really spiteful note.

"Most of the players had got changed and had gone into the bar when I left the dressing rooms, limping. An Altona player was walking in front of me and all I said to him was: 'See you're limping too. He spun around and took a swing at me, so I flattened him. Everyone rushed out of the bar, threatening me. But the incident was over and I was going to leave. Then this other idiot threatened me with a glass. He swung at me with the glass, so I knocked him out. Within seconds there were about a dozen people having a go at me. Luckily, I had my back to a wall. All I got was a fat lip. I found out later that my young brother Lou, who also plays with Melbourne, was attacked by four people, knocked to the ground then kicked when he was down. If I'd known that at the time, I would have snapped. I would have grabbed everything and anything and attacked them like a madman."

When we then played Altona at our ground, there wasn't even a hint of trouble.

Costa Theodosopoulos (centre) flanked by Panathinaikos stars Dimitri Saravakos (left) and Spiros Livathinos. Saravakos is one of the new stars of Greek soccer. He was second top scorer, behind Thomas Mavros of AEK Athens, in the 1984/85 Greek First Division.

game and I had certain friends of mine there. What I don't understand, is that Altona concentrated on playing soccer that day and although we won 3-2, Altona played well. Why couldn't they have done that in the practice game and in league game at Kim Reserve?

"We beat them 6-1 in a cup game later in the year and that was one of the most satisfying days I've had in soccer."

Sunbury's Traikovski talked about "Scottish second raters" at Mornington in an article in "Soccer Action" two weeks ago. The well documented conspiracy theory in Australian soccer surfaced in the extreme after his comments. His coach at Sunbury, Mike Lynn, was accused of putting words into Traikovski's mouth. So was I. By a Scot from Mornington, would you believe?

So, for all those sensitive Anglo-Saxon and Celtic paranoics, here's what Theodosopoulos, a first generation Greek-Australian, has to say about their contribution to Australian soccer.

"True, some of them are second rate, but there are second rate Greeks, Macedonians, Croatians, Italians and many other nationalities in Australian soccer. The Brits have instilled a killer instinct into our game, courage and guts — things that every player needs. I used to go out onto the field with my mates thinking that all we had to do was dribble, play a few good passes, score a few goals and that was all. But they're just the pretty things. The game is

a physical exercise too. Being coached by guys like Danny McMinimee, Mike Lynn and Paddy Bannon has made me realise that you've got to bite, you've got to have strength as well as skill, otherwise you get eaten alive."

Theodosopoulos belongs to an exclusive group of players in Australian soccer, having only played with one club. He joined Melbourne when he was 11 and his coaches there, apart from McMinimee, Lynn and current coach Bannon, have included Cedo Krkovic, Joe Voros, Bill Naday and Harry Chalkitis.

Why has Theodosopoulos stayed at Melbourne?

"Melbourne's got a great tradition in Victorian and Australian soccer and I always believed that the club wouldn't stay down for long. Every year guys from Greek clubs approached me but I kept turning them down."

"But next year, it might be different. Even if Melbourne gets promoted to State League, and I'm confident that we will, I want to aim for the top. If I can get signed by a National League club I'll jump at the chance. Then again, Paddy Bannon can be very persuasive."

And if Theodosopoulos breaks into the NSL, he'll take with him a newfound self belief. He returned to Australia last month after a nine-month overseas trip in which he spent three months with leading Greek club Panathinaikos and also trailed with now defunct American club Tampa Bay Rowdies and St Petersburg

Kickers, who play in what now is America's top league, following the demise of the professional North American Soccer League.

"I was as nervous as hell with Panathinaikos at first. It was awesome playing alongside guys of the class of Zacc and Kotza. I'll never forget my first day there. I was in the dressing rooms when all these stars filed in and I suddenly realised that this was it. But these guys are only human, in fact they're very much down-to-earth blokes and they were a terrific help to me. They told me to just go out there and enjoy myself and they gave me a lot of confidence. I like to think that I earned their respect and for any young player reading this, let me say that if you've got a dream about playing in Greece, it's far from impossible. In fact players like Oscar Crino, Jim Patikas, John Kanesoulis, Steve Golevski and Ernie Tapa all should have a go at playing in Europe. And there are others here too who could make it, provided their trips there are well organised and they have a chance to acclimatise."

"You need luck too. I was lucky that Jacek Gmoch, now with AEK Athens, was at Panathinaikos when I was there. He's a real gentleman and is prepared to look at any young player."

From a soccer viewpoint, Theodosopoulos's American jaunt wasn't productive as he only trained with Tampa Bay Rowdies for a week. And his involvement with St Petersburg Kickers lasted just three weeks before their mid-season break. However, stories abound in Victorian soccer circles that the success of his off-field activities in America. While in L.A. (Los Angeles for all you non-trendies), Theodosopoulos bumped into Diana Ross — for six days.

"It was a dream come true. I've always loved her music and that's definitely all you're getting out of me on that one."

He's much more talkative when it comes to discussing Melbourne's attempt to finally return to State League.

"The next few weeks will be crucial. I've got to play Detroit, Broadmeadows, Sunbury and Doncaster Rovers and everyone at Melbourne knows just how important these games are to the club's future. We're going to get stuck in and fight every inch of the way. These other clubs will find that out."

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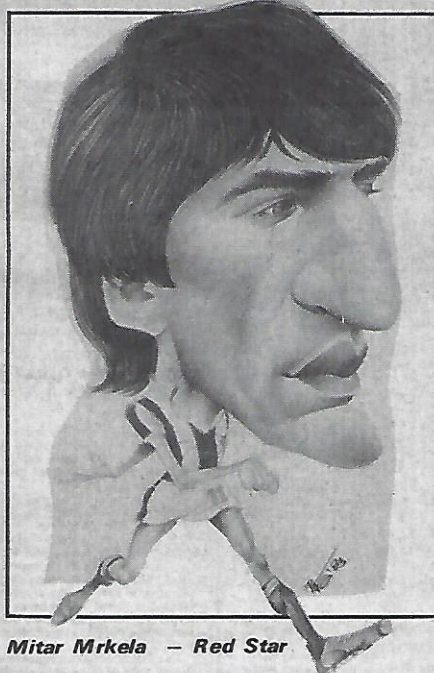
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